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NOTE.

The need of means to help and guide in social worship those who are debarred by circumstances from Church services, was brought to the attention of the General Assembly at Winnipeg in 1897. The matter was referred to the Committee on the Uniformity of Worship for its consideration. That Committee reported to the Assembly at Montreal in 1898, and the Assembly appointed a Special Committee to take steps to prepare a devotional Manual, and send copies to all the Ministers of the Church for their information and consideration. The Special Committee having carried out their instructions reported to the Assembly at Hamilton in 1899, (*vide* the Acts and Proceedings, pages 74 and 311). The report was adopted and the Manual submitted by the Committee was remitted to Presbyteries.

At the Assembly at Halifax, June, 1900, the Committee reported (*vide* the Acts and Proceedings, pages 48, 61 and 287), and submitted the Manual revised in accordance with the views expressed by Presbyteries. The Assembly thereupon directed certain emendations to be made, and instructed the Committee to take steps to bring the little work to the further consideration of the Church.

In order to carry out the injunction of the Assembly, the Committee has arranged with the Westminster Co., Limited, of Toronto, to publish the Manual.

The ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE for "Aids for Social Worship" consists of :

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NOTE NO. 2.

The following report of the Special Committee was presented to the General Assembly at Toronto, June 19th, 1902, and the Assembly resolved that the Report be received and the Committee continued :

To the Venerable the General Assembly :

The Assembly at Winnipeg in 1897 had its attention directed to the need of providing some means of aiding and promoting social worship among groups of settlers and others who for the time being find themselves removed from the regular church services, and have no person able and willing to undertake to conduct services in the ordinary way. The subject was referred to a committee with instructions to consider and report

At the following Assembly in Montreal, 1898, a report having been received in favor of action, this Special Committee was appointed with instructions to prepare a Manual having the special objects in view, and to send a copy to each minister.

At the Assembly held in Hamilton in 1899, the Special Committee reported that they had complied with the instructions of the Assembly, that they had prepared a Manual entitled "Aids for Social Worship," and that they had printed an edition of 1,500 copies for distribution among ministers and elders, with the view of ascertaining the mind of the Church. The Manual having been received with a measure of favor, the Committee was instructed to submit it to Presbyteries.

At the Assembly in Halifax in 1900, the Special Committee, having carried out the directions given them, reported that they had heard from twenty-seven Presbyteries, and that all but three expressed approval of the object of the Assembly, and that twenty Presbyteries viewed with more or less favor the form and substance of the Manual submitted. There was, however, a divergence of opinion on some minor points, and it became the duty of the Committee, under the directions of the Assembly, to eliminate certain portions of the work, and ascertain further the mind of the Church

Having complied with the Assembly's injunctions, the Committee submitted a revised edition to Presbyteries, and reported progress at the Assembly in Ottawa in 1901. The Assembly instructed the Committee to complete the revision of the Manual, and submit it at next meeting for approval.

Again the Committee invited all Presbyteries to give expression of their views in all respects, and, moreover, publicly intimated through the Presbyterian magazines, that copies would be furnished free of charge to any members of the Church desirous of examining the work, with a view to render it more suitable for the purpose designed.

The Committee now report that the little volume, in its revised form, is generally received with favor. One Presby-

tery only, though fully recognizing the need of such a Manual, asks for further revision in literary style. The Synod of Hamilton and London has formally recommended the Manual for use.

Urgent requests have been received from missionaries and from students working in outlying parts of the Dominion, for a number of copies of the Manual. Under these circumstances, and in view of the design of the work, as set forth in the preface, the Committee have ventured to anticipate the wishes of the Assembly, and have placed at the disposal of each of those so desiring, ten, and in one case thirty, copies of the Manual, free of charge.

Officers commanding the contingents sent from Canada to South Africa, have gratefully accepted a number of copies of the Manual for use by themselves and the troops, in the absence of a chaplain. British officers elsewhere have sent for and obtained copies for use under similar circumstances.

Having endeavoured faithfully to carry out the instructions of the Assembly, the Committee now submit the result of their labors, in the hope that it may meet the purposes desired for a few years until something better takes its place. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee, since their appointment, that the need of such a work is great, and they hope and believe that, with God's blessing, this little Manual, in spite of its imperfections, will prove profitable to many, and eventually result in great benefit to the whole Church

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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OTTAWA, April, 1902.

CORRECTIONS.

On pages 11, 73, 76, 80, 86, 87, 91, 110, 210, 216 substitute "King" for "Queen."

On pages 78, 85, 88 substitute "King Edward" for "Queen Victoria."

On page 87 substitute "George, Prince of Wales" for "Albert Edward, Prince of Wales."

On pages 11, 78, 83, 86, 88, 91, 216 substitute "him" for "her," "he" for "she," "his for "her."

PREFACE.

The want of suitable aids to worship on the Lord's Day is constantly felt in remote parts of the Dominion by those who are, for the time, cut off from the ordinary ministrations of the Church, and who desire to unite in the worship of God.

The design of this Manual is to furnish aids to social worship for those so situated. It may be found helpful to Pioneer-settlers, Explorers, Miners, Prospectors, Mounted Police, Volunteers on Military duty, Travellers by land or sea, Visitors to summer resorts, and other persons.

One complete Service is submitted, which may be followed as it is given, but from time to time it may be found desirable to modify the words. To effect this end, other prayers are furnished, any of which may be substituted, and thus, without changing the order, the Service may be varied at discretion, or complete Services may be arranged such as the four additional Services outlined on pages 16 to 19.

The alternative prayers appended to the Service submitted as a model, are arranged

under the headings "Invocation," "Confession," "Supplication," "Intercession," etc., but these names are used chiefly for convenience of reference. The spirit of adoration, gratitude and thanksgiving pervades all.

While the introduction of extemporaneous prayer is not excluded, the aim has been to impart to each service unity and completeness when the forms are read in the order indicated.

The model Service is taken with very slight change from "Short Sunday Services for Travellers," issued primarily for the use of surveying parties engaged on the Canadian Pacific Railway, in 1871 and following years. From the same source has been taken a number of the alternative prayers. The other prayers in the Manual have generally been taken from Presbyterian devotional works, such as the service books issued in connection with the United Presbyterian, the Free, and the Established Churches of Scotland. Some of the prayers have been supplied by members of the Assembly's Special Committee.

As the purpose of this Manual is to help and guide groups of individuals in out of the way

places to unite in common worship, and as there may, in some cases, be no one present familiar with the conduct of Divine Service, it is deemed advisable to furnish somewhat minute explanations and instructions for the guidance of such as may desire them. These instructions will be found at the end of the Manual.

Behold,
how good and how pleasant it is
for Brethren to dwell to-
gether in unity.

FORM OF SERVICE.

(The worshippers being assembled, the Reader may begin by reading the following, or a selection from the introductory sentences appended.)

FELLOW WORSHIPPERS,—

The Lord has said—

"Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."

(Under some circumstances the following within brackets may be omitted:)

(Though for the present we are deprived of the regular service to which we have each been accustomed, yet we know that wherever men meet for the worship of God there He will be to hear and to bless them. He is the Father of us all, our constant Guardian and Protector.) Let us, therefore, as is most fitting on this Holy Day of Rest, unite as one family in the solemn duty and precious privilege of worshipping Him; and let us beseech with earnest prayer our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful guide of those who journey, and the unwearying guardian of those who sojourn, that He may bless us now assembled in His Name. May He help us worthily to praise Him for His

mercies, and ever to acknowledge Him in our rising up and lying down. Let us commend ourselves to His care, that He may strengthen us in mind and in body, prosper us in our undertakings, and direct our steps in the way of truth and righteousness, peace and prosperity.

The Prayer of Invocation.

(All assuming a devout attitude the Reader may proceed with the following, or substitute any other prayer of Invocation found under this heading.)

LET US PRAY.

Most Holy and Eternal God, look down in mercy upon Thy children now assembled before Thee, and let Thy Fatherly blessing be upon us and abide with us. Vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious and comforting presence, and let Thy heavenly peace rule in our hearts; grant us a true apprehension of Thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our unworthiness; that so, approaching Thee with lowliness and devotion, we may commune with Thee in the spirit of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

(At the end of this and all other prayers the worshippers should signify their assent by saying *Amen.*)

A Hymn

(May be sung or read from the selection of Hymns appended.)

The Prayer of Confession.

(Other prayers will be found under this heading, any of which may be substituted for the following :)

LET US PRAY.

O God, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Almighty God, Who, though dwelling in the highest heavens, yet vouchsafest to regard the lowest creatures on earth, we humbly adore Thy Sacred Majesty, and with all the powers of our souls exalt and praise Thy Holy Name for the infinite blessings Thou hast so fully bestowed upon us; for electing us in Thy love and creating us in Thine image; for redeeming us by Thy Son, and sanctifying us by Thy Holy Spirit; for preserving us in all the changes and accidents of this life, and raising up our

thoughts to the hope of a better life; we devoutly thank Thee for Thy gracions protection during the past week, and for bringing us safely to this sacred day of rest. Continue, O Lord, Thy mercy to us, and as to-day Thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so raise our souls from sin, that during this week and every week we, unfeignedly renouncing all sin, may walk soberly, righteously, and godly, from day to day, in all holy obedience, before Thy face, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

A Psalm or Psalms

(May be read from the selection of Psalms appended.)

Scripture Reading.

(A list of passages from the Old Testament will be found appended.)

A Hymn

(May be sung or read from the selection appended.)

The Prayer of Supplication.

(Other prayers of supplication will be found appended, any of which may at discretion be substituted for the following:)

LET US PRAY.

Deliver us, Merciful God, from the evils that surround us, and guide our feet in the way of peace. May we carefully avoid all occasions of sin, and when, through frailty, we forget Thee, do Thou, in Thy mercy, remember us, so that as often as we fall by the evil propensity of our nature we may rise again by the help of Thy grace. Make us diligent and faithful in the duties of our calling, and in all the cares and crosses of the world may we be submissive to Thy divine will and pleasure. Let Thy blessing be upon our actions, and may Thy good Spirit direct our intentions, that both may tend to advance Thy glory, the good of others, and the eternal salvation of our own souls, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O our God, Who art present everywhere, bestow Thy favourable regard on us, Thy unworthy servants. Cause us to be assured that even in the lonely wilderness, on

the boundless prairie, in the trackless forest, on the mountain side, on the open sea, Thou art ever at hand to hear those who call upon Thee, and that whatsoever place may be hallowed by Thy true worship, shall prove none other than the House of God and the gate of heaven. *Amen.*

To Thy fatherly kindness and protection we solemnly commend not ourselves only but our beloved relatives and our friends, from whom we are at present separated. We earnestly beseech Thee to remember them with the favour Thou bearest to Thy people and visit them with Thy salvation. Graciously hear all these our supplications, for the sake of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

New Testament Reading.

(A list of New Testament Readings is appended.)

The Prayer of Intercession.

(See other prayers of Intercession appended.)

LET US PRAY.

O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us: And grant us Thy salvation.

O God Most High, save the Queen: And replenish her plenteously with heavenly gifts.

Regard with Thy favour the Governor-General: And give guidance to all in authority (in this Dominion.)

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness: And make Thy chosen people joyful.

Make our country prosperous and peaceful: And let truth and justice, religion and piety, flourish and abound amongst us.

O God, make clean our hearts within us: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins; Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Be unto us a tower of strength: From the face of the enemy.

Let no evil happen unto us: Nor the son of iniquity approach to hurt us.

Blessed be the Lord daily: And may the God of our salvation make our goings prosperous.

May the crooked ways be made straight: And the rough places plain.

May the Lord give His angels charge over us: To keep us in all our ways.

O Lord, hear our prayer: And let our cry come unto Thee.

(Then may be said by all together.)

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(The following or other HYMN OF PRAISE appended may be read. If the worshippers generally are prepared to join, they may read the lines in italics.)

(ALL STANDING.)

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee—the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud—the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To Thee, Cherubim and Seraphim—continually do cry.

Holy, Holy, Holy—Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty—of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles—praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets—praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs—praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world—doth acknowledge Thee,

The FATHER—of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true—and only SON;

Also the HOLY GHOST—the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory—O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son—of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man—Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death—Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God—in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come—to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants—whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints—in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people—and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them—and lift them up forever.

Day by day—we magnify Thee.

And we worship Thy name—ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Address or Sermon.

(In the event of there being no person present to address the congregation, or no sermon to be read, the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes may be introduced.)

The Concluding Prayer.

(Other Prayers which may be substituted for the following, will be found appended.)

LET US PRAY.

O God, Who didst lead Abraham Thy Servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, and pre-

servedst him unhurt throughout the days of his pilgrimage: we beseech Thee to take us Thy servants under Thy Almighty protection. Be unto us a Helper in our duties. Be our Solace by the way, our Shadow from the heat, and our Comfort in the cold. Be our Refuge from the storm, and our Support in weariness. Be our Guardian in danger, our Staff in slippery places, and our Physician in sickness. From first to last be our Ruler and our Guide, and, when our earthly pilgrimage is over, may we share the joys and peace of Thy heavenly home, through the grace and love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Hymn

(May be sung or read, after which the Service to be concluded by the Reader saying)

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

A Second Service

MAY BE ARRANGED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

1. Introductory Sentence ..... No. 2
2. Prayer of Invocation ..... " 4
3. A Hymn (as may be selected).
4. Prayer of Confession ..... " 2
5. A Psalm (may be read in concert or in alternate verses by the Reader and congregation.)
6. Old Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
7. Prayer of Supplication ..... No. 1
8. New Testament Scripture Reading.
9. Prayer of Intercession ..... No. 5
10. A Hymn of Praise may be read in concert.
11. Address or Sermon, or the Commandments, may be read.
12. Concluding Prayer ..... No. 7
13. A Hymn.
14. Benediction.

A Third Service

MAY BE ARRANGED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER :

1. Introductory Sentence ..... No. 7
2. Prayer of Invocation ..... " 3
3. Hymn.
4. Prayer of Confession ..... " 1
5. Psalm may be read in concert or responsively.
6. Old Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
7. Prayer of Supplication ..... No. 7
8. New Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
9. Prayer of Intercession ..... No. 1
10. Hymn of Praise may be read responsively or in concert by the Reader and Congregation.
11. Address or Sermon, or the Ten Commandments may be read.
12. Concluding Prayer ..... No. 10
13. A Hymn.
14. Benediction.

A Fourth Service

MAY BE ARRANGED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER.

1. Introductory Sentence..... No. 8
2. Prayer of Invocation..... " 6
3. A Hymn may be sung.
4. Prayer of Confession..... " 3
5. A Psalm may be read in concert or responsively.
6. Old Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
7. Prayer of Supplication..... No. 5
8. New Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
9. Prayer of Intercession..... No. 4
10. A Hymn.
11. Address or Sermon may be read.
12. Concluding Prayer..... No. 3
13. A Hymn.
14. Benediction.

A Fifth Service

SUITABLE FOR EVENING AS WELL AS MORNING.

1. Introductory Sentence..... No. 3
2. Prayer of Invocation..... " 7
3. A Hymn.
4. Prayer of Confession..... " 5
5. The Commandments.
6. Old Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
7. Prayer of Supplication..... No. 3
8. New Testament Scripture Reading. See list appended.
9. Prayer of Intercession..... No. 10
10. A Hymn.
11. Address, Sermon, the Te Deum or other Hymn of Praise may be read in concert or responsively.
12. Concluding Prayer No. 2 (see also Evening Prayers).
13. A Hymn.
14. Benediction.

Fear God, and keep His
Commandments.

The Commandments.

(When the commandments are used in any service, the Reader shall say)

Let us join together in reading the Ten Commandments as they are recorded in the Book of Exodus, Chapter twentieth at the first verse.

(ALL STANDING.)

(These Commandments should be read audibly by the Reader alone, who will pause after each.)

FIRST.

And God spake all these words, saying: I am the Lord Thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods before Me.

SECOND.

Thou shalt not make unto Thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

THIRD.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

FOURTH.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work : but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

FIFTH.

Honour thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

SIXTH.

Thou shalt not kill.

SEVENTH.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

EIGHTH.

Thou shalt not steal.

NINTH.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

TENTH.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

(All the Worshippers may say together)

Lord have mercy upon us: and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee. Amen.

(THE READER ALONE)

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith :—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Love thy neighbour as thyself.

The Beatitudes.

(When the Beatitudes are used in any service, the Reader shall say)

Let us join together in reading the Beatitudes of our Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter fifth, third verse:

(ALL STANDING.)

(These should be read audibly by the Reader alone, who will pause after each verse.)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(All the Worshippers may say together)

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IN THE FOREGOING ORDER OF SERVICE AT DISCRETION.

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Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up
my soul.

ALTERNATIVE
INTRODUCTORY SENTENCES

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No. 1.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Brethren, we are here met in obedience to the command that we forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, and in the hope of that promise which our Lord gave to His disciples, that wherever two or three shall meet together in His name He will be in the midst of them. Let us therefore, with reverence and godly fear, draw nigh to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

No. 2.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

Brethren, let us with humble and contrite hearts draw near to the throne of grace, in the name of our great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ.

No. 3.

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High: to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

Let my prayer be set forth before Thee

as incense: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

No. 4.

This is the day the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who hath made heaven and earth.

Let us, therefore, fellow Christians, unite in offering to the Lord our God thanks and praise for all His unspeakable mercies. Let us remember that the Lord is nigh to all that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knoweth afar off.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them.

No. 5.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the

light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

As for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

No. 6.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.

Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land.

No. 7.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Who in the Heaven can be compared with the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?

Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

No. 8.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry and will save them.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.

Having these promises, let us draw near to the Throne of Grace with true hearts, in full assurance of faith.

No. 9.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.

No. 10.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all

nations, and His glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth?

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

ALTERNATIVE
PRAYERS OF INVOCATION.

No. 1.

O God, Who through the fellowship of Christ, hast consecrated unto us a new and living way into Thy holy presence, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching Thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto Thee an acceptable service as Thy children.—*Amen.*

Be Thou this day our Teacher and Comforter; and be pleased so to visit us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that, in waiting upon Thee, we shall be quickened, encouraged and edified, to the end that we may bring forth fruit abundantly to the glory of Thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Almighty God, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities. May we call in our wandering thoughts, and fix our affections on Thy [illegible] and Thy service. May our worship be the worship which Thou desirest, and may our sacrifice be the sacrifice of a contrite heart, with which Thou art ever well pleased. *Amen.*

O God, Who givest us not only the day for labour and the night for rest, but also the peace of this blessed day: grant, we beseech Thee, that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which Thou hast given us to do.—*Amen.*

Grant, O gracious God, that our services this day may be such as shall tend to our rejoicing in the great day of Thine appearing and glory: that we, hallowing Thy Sabbath on earth, may finally be admitted to the joyful celebration of Thine eternal Sabbath in the kingdom of heaven, there to laud and magnify Thy glorious name, and to rejoice in Thy love: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

O most holy and eternal God, Who dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, and yet dost reveal Thyself as One Who will hear and answer our prayers: look down in mercy upon Thy children now assembled before Thee; and let Thy Fatherly blessing be upon us and abide with us. Vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious and comforting presence, and let Thy heavenly peace rule our hearts; that we may serve Thee in our lives as well as with our lips, and, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, come ever nearer to Thee, His Father and our Father, His God and our God. *Amen.*

We bless Thee that Thou hast consecrated for us a new and living way, and that with boldness we may enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. We entreat Thee, for His sake, to receive us graciously, and to visit us with Thy salvation. Be pleased to send down Thy Holy Spirit on all who are here assembled, that, being cleansed from sin, and illumined by Thy grace, we may worthily show forth Thy praise, meekly learn Thy word, render due thanks for Thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 4.

O God, our Heavenly Father, Who dost encourage us at all times to seek Thy face, help us by Thy good Spirit truly to worship Thee. Hear us when we make unto Thee the confession of our sins. Hear us when we render unto Thee our thanksgiving for Thy mercies. Hear us when we ask of Thee such things as we need; and grant that those things which Thou knowest to be good for us, we may obtain, to the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 5.

O God, the father of mercies and the God of all grace, let all those who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee. If there be those here who feel that they are poor and needy, make them to know that Thou the Lord thinkest on them. Be their Help and Deliverer now. Prepare our hearts for praise and prayer, and for Thy Holy word; and bless us all, above our asking, for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

No. 6.

O Lord our God, we lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help.

Thou only art the Fountain of life and peace, and in Thy presence is fulness of joy. Father in heaven, from Whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us Thy blessing, and incline Thine ear unto us, as we come before Thee to offer our worship. Merciful Saviour, who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and makest intercession for us, fulfil now Thy promise: where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them. O Holy Spirit, the Comforter, help our infirmities, and enable us to worship in the beauty of holiness; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

O God, Light of the hearts that know Thee, and Life of the souls that love Thee, and Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee; from Whom to be turned away is to fall, to Whom to turn is to rise, and in Whom to abide is to stand fast forever: grant us now Thy grace and blessing, as we are assembled here to offer up our common supplications; and though we are unworthy to approach Thee or to ask anything of Thee at all, vouchsafe to hear and to answer us for the sake of our Great High Priest and Advocate, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 8.

Almighty God, Who hast promised to be present with Thy people, and to grant their requests in the name of Thy well-beloved Son; regard us, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy favour, and for the sake of Him Who is our only Saviour and Mediator with Thee, fulfil Thy promise in our behalf, that our thoughts being lifted up, and our desires drawn forth unto Thee, we may render Thee acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who hast promised to hear us when we call upon Thee in the name of Thy Son, we beseech Thee to regard us in Thy mercy, assembled here, to offer unto Thee our praises and our prayers, and to hear Thy word; and so to raise our thoughts and desires to Thyself, that we may render to Thee an acceptable service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 10.

Let Thy merciful ear, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that we may obtain our petitions, lead us to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALTERNATIVE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION.

No. 1.

O Thou, that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Bow down Thine ear, and hear us, Thy children, for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the souls of Thy servants, for Thou art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all those that call upon Thee. Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens. Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains. Thy judgments are a great deep. Thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God. Therefore do we put our trust under the shadow of Thy wing. May we be abundantly satisfied with the fulness of Thy mercies. May we drink of the river of Thy pleasure, for with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. *Amen*

We confess before Thee, O God, that we

have transgressed Thy holy laws in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved Thee with all our hearts; neither have we loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have loved the world and the things that are of the world, and have not set our affection upon things above, nor laid up treasure in heaven, where Christ, our risen Lord, sitteth at Thy right hand.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast in Thy gospel proclaimed remission of sins to all them that believe in the name of Thy Son and repent of their transgressions against Thee, confirm us, we beseech Thee, in the faith and hope of this Thy promise; and for this end so work in us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may embrace and hold fast Thy truth in a pure conscience unto the end, and may bring forth fruits meet for repentance; that, being justified freely by Thy grace, and walking continually in the way of Thy holy commandments, we may glorify Thy holy name, and may know that we are indeed Thy children, and heirs of the kingdom which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 2.

O God, Who didst speak in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, and hast, in these last days, spoken unto us by Thy Son, give us, we pray Thee, humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may lend a willing ear to the doctrine which He hath taught us, and may embrace the same and hold it fast, to Thy honour and praise. May we know the truth, and so be made free from all darkness and unbelief, from all error and sin.

And for this end give us, O Lord, the the love of the truth; purify our souls from heedlessness and vanity, from hypocrisy and hardness of heart, from covetousness and love of the world, and from fleshly lusts which war against the soul; and endow us with seriousness and earnestness of spirit, that we may fight the good fight of faith and lay hold of eternal life.

Lord, have mercy upon us; for we daily sin against Thee, transgressing Thy holy laws, failing of the duty Thou requirest of us, and grieving Thy Spirit of grace. If Thou should'st enter into judgment we could not stand; but there is mercy with Thee that Thou mayest be feared.

We look up humbly to Thee, our Father, Who hast revealed to us Thine infinite compassion in the life and death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We rejoice in the perfection of His righteousness, and in the glory of His sacrifice. For His sake turn again, we beseech Thee, when Thou hearest the cry of the truly penitent; and grant that, being humbled by Thy mighty hand, and brought to a deep sense of our sins, we may so watch against temptation, and be so helped and strengthened by Thy favour, as her after to serve and please Thee, in newn of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

God of all grace, Who hast taught us to be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving to make our requests known unto Thee, bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, the good gift of Thy Spirit; that we, receiving through Him the blessed assurance of our forgiveness and acceptance, may have Thy peace abiding in our hearts. Hold Thou up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not, and guide us evermore in the way of Thy precepts. Help us to resist the devil, to overcome the world, and to serve Thee in our day and generation. Give us courage to

confess Christ always, and grant that by Thy strength we may endure in His service unto the end; that, having finished our course with joy, we may rest in hope, and finally attain to the resurrection of the just, through Thine infinite goodness and mercy. *Amen.*

O Lord our God, Whose presence is light to them that are in darkness, and Who makest all things work together for good to them that love Thee, send out Thy light and Thy truth, that the mystery of our life may lose itself in the radiance of Thy love. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, O Lord; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, that we may henceforth walk before Thee unto all pleasing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

Almighty and eternal God, the Creator of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, in Whom we live, and move, and have our being, we approach Thy holy presence with reverence and godly fear. Grant us the aids of Thy heavenly grace, that we may worship Thee with contrite, faithful, and obedient hearts. *Amen.*

Lord God, most merciful and gracious, Who daily loadest us with benefits, and art

good even to the unthankful and the evil: Thou knowest our frame; Thou remembereest that we are dust. O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned, we have done very wickedly, departing from Thee, the living God: transgressing in thought, word and deed Thy most righteous laws, and resisting Thy Holy Spirit.

Before Thee, the Judge of the world and the Searcher of hearts, Whose eyes behold the evil and the good, and to Whom all things are naked and open, we do confess our sins and acknowledge our great iniquity. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy salvation.

Strengthen us, O God, by Thy Spirit, with all might in the inner man: arm us against all temptation: suffer us not to be overcome of evil, but enable us to overcome evil with good. Mercifully grant us Thy continual help, that we may love the things which Thou dost command, and desire those things which Thou hast promised, and so be enabled to anticipate and prepare for the life of eternal blessedness with Thyself in glory. *Amen.*

Merciful Father, Who desirest our good alway, grant that we may cheerfully submit to all the discipline of Thy hand, and

faithfully follow Thee whithersoever Thou leadest. Help us to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, and do Thou direct our steps. Deliver us from a vain and idle spirit, from all indifference, and from all worldliness; and enable us to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. In the discharge of daily duty may we be animated by the Spirit of Jesus Christ Who went about doing good. Assist us to fulfil His law by bearing one another's burdens, and to copy His example by forgiving each other's faults. *Amen.*

O Lord, most merciful and most mighty, we commend ourselves to Thee and to the Word of Thy grace, which is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. We entreat Thee to keep our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, that we may walk before Thee in the land of the living. And grant that, when Thy purposes are accomplished in us here, an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into Thy kingdom and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And to Thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, shall be all the praise, now and ever. *Amen.*

No. 4.

O Eternal, Infinite and Almighty God, we have sinned against Thee. Our thoughts have been evil and vain. We have not loved Thee with all our hearts, neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with Thee, our God.

We confess our sins before Thee,—sins that are secret and sins that are open; sins that are forgotten and sins that are remembered; sins of thought and word and deed —we confess them all before Thee, and humbly implore Thy gracious forgiveness, through our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. —*Amen.*

We believe, O Lord, that Thou art a merciful God and a loving Father to all that unfeignedly turn unto Thee from their sins; we therefore most humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of Christ Thy Son, shed Thy mercy upon us; forgive us all our offences; have compassion upon all our infirmities; endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, and grant us Thy grace, that in all the days of our life henceforth we may study to serve and please Thee in word and in deed; through our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 5.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we cast ourselves down before Thee with deep humiliation.

We have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed; we have come short of Thy righteousness and glory in all our ways; our lives bear testimony against us, and our hearts condemn us as being prone to all evil and backward to all good.

We have abused Thy mercies and made light of Thy judgments. We have turned aside from Thy covenant: and we have not been faithful and diligent in using the helps of Thy grace for our eternal salvation.

Unto Thee, O Lord our God, belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have so often rebelled against Thee, for Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all them that call upon Thee. Look upon us, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves before the throne of Thy heavenly grace, and, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, speak pardon and peace to our souls. Let Thy mercy be upon

us, O Lord, according as we hope in Thee; that we may henceforth walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and so hereafter serve and please Thee to the honour and glory of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 6.

Almighty, Everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and lament that we are prone to evil and averse to all that which is truly good.

Have mercy upon us, O most gracious and merciful Father, for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Grant unto us, and increase in us, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may teach us to acknowledge our sins, to mourn over them with lively repentance, and to receive and hold fast with a true faith the forgiveness of them in Christ our Lord, so that we may serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the glory of Thy name, and the profit of Thy Church.

These things we acknowledge that Thou justly requirest of us, wherefore we desire to do them. Be pleased, O Thou, our

Heavenly Father, who hast given us this desire, to grant also that we be diligent to do with our whole heart those things which pertain to our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

Almighty God, we bless Thee that Thou hast not only revealed to us Thy greatness and majesty, but also Thy tenderness and love.

Mercifully regard us, we beseech Thee, as with penitent hearts we come into Thy holy presence to make confession of our iniquities. We acknowledge with shame of face that our offences are grievous, and that their number is very great. We have sinned against Thee by thoughts of vanity and words of folly, by unholy feelings and rebellious acts. We have wilfully done that which Thou hast forbidden, and have selfishly omitted that which Thou hast commanded. We confess all before Thee—our open transgressions and our secret faults, our sins remembered and our sins forgotten; we humble ourselves in the dust because of them, and we entreat Thee to have mercy upon us.

Most gracious God, Who hast said that if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, pardon, we beseech Thee, all that is past; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness for the time to come: and let the peace of Thy forgiveness ever keep our hearts and minds, that we may henceforth walk before Thee unto all pleasing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, Who hast taught us that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, accept we beseech Thee, the confession of our sins which we now make to Thee. Father, we have sinned and done evil in Thy sight; we have been disobedient and rebellious children, we have not loved Thee as we ought; but have broken Thy laws and been unthankful for Thy goodness. We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves, we have been selfish and unkind, we have forgotten the commandments of Christ, our Master. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; pardon the sins we have committed this day, and remember not against us our former transgressions. Make Thy face to shine upon us;

comfort us with Thy peace and love; and may it please Thee to show us the way of repentance, that in the time to come we may walk in the path of Thy commandments, and find in Thy service our delight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

O Almighty God, Who art greatly to be feared in Thy holiness: we are ashamed of our manifold iniquities: we confess unto Thee our sins. We offend continually and grievously in thought, in word, and in deed. We have lived in strife and confusion, and have not desired peace. We covet and lust after the things which perish, and seek not Thy heavenly kingdom.

We have loved the ways of pride and self-will, and have been slow to learn reverence and humility.

We have caused Thy truth to be rejected by our foolishness and our sin: and have brought reproach upon Thy holy name. By our hardness of heart and unbelief we have grieved and quenched Thy Holy Spirit.

For all these our manifold offences and iniquities we do beseech Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant, merciful Lord, unto Thy people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and that we may serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 10.

Almighty God, Who art rich in mercy to all them that call upon Thee, hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and imploring Thy pity and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and wilfulness, and all our great and manifold shortcomings both towards Thee and towards our fellow men.

O Lord, who despisest not the sighing of the contrite heart, have mercy upon Thy penitent children. Our hope is in Thee alone. Forgive us all the sins we have committed, and grant that, being saved from our iniquities, and made worthy to stand before Thee, we may henceforth serve Thee in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALTERNATIVE
PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION.

No. 1.

Most merciful Father, Who hast revealed to us the light of Thy Gospel and called us into the fellowship of Thy Son, grant that we may put away all the works of darkness, and may walk in purity, uprightness, and truth; that we may have fellowship with Thee, for Thou art light, and in Thee is no darkness at all; that so, when the shadows of this mortal life are passed away, we may behold those things which the eye of man hath not seen, and be made partakers of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all grace, and Giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee for Thy Holy Word which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Let Thy Gospel, O Lord, come unto us not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; that we may be guided into all truth, and strengthened unto all obedience, and enduring of Thy will, with joyfulness.

We praise Thee, O God, for the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. We praise Thee for the holy life that our Saviour lived, for the mighty works that He wrought, and for all the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth. We praise Thee for his death, and resurrection and ascension into glory. We praise Thee that all power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth, and that He is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto Thee by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Grant, we pray Thee, O Lord, that we who have believed in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, may die daily through His death, and may be quickened through the power of His resurrection. Being crucified with Christ, may we live to Thee through faith in the Son of God, Who loved us and gave Himself for us; that when He shall appear in glory, we also may be manifested as Thy sons, and may inherit the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. *Amen.*

No. 2.

O Lord, open Thou our lips: and our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

We humbly entreat Thee, most merciful God, to receive graciously the sacrifices of praise and prayer which Thy people this day throughout the world offer unto Thee.

O Lord, Who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, Who art the Father of the fatherless and the husband of the widow, and dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, we lift up our hearts unto Thee on behalf of all our brethren who are in affliction or distress.

We render thanks unto Thy Name, O God, for all Thy goodness to us, known and unknown. Thou hast created us in Thine image, formed us for Thy service, and lovingly guarded us all through life. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all our iniquities: Who healeth all our diseases: Who redeemeth our life from destruction: Who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

We thank Thee, most gracious God and Father, that Thou hast given us a revelation of Thy character and will, and hast made known to us the way of salvation. We bless Thee for the sure word of prophecy, which is as a light shining in a dark place, revealing

to us Thy kingdom of eternal peace, and the way of pardon and reconciliation. Especially do we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son Christ Jesus, Who is the brightness of Thy glory, and the express image of Thy person, and in Whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead. We bless Thee for His holy incarnation, for His perfect life on earth, and for His precious sufferings and death upon the cross. We rejoice that when He had overcome the sharpness of death, He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may find in His work a complete salvation, and in Himself the full satisfaction of all our needs.

Lord of all power and might, we call upon Thee Whose mercies are from everlasting. We are ignorant, weak, and perverse: fail us not, O God, neither forsake us. Guide us with Thy counsel: uphold us by Thy power. Suffer us not to go astray from Thy ways: let us not be weary in well-doing. May we live in Thy fear all the days of our life: and let our portion be among Thy saints at the second coming and glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 3.

O God, Giver of all good and Fountain of all blessing, in Whom are the springs of our life: all glory and praise be unto Thee for Thy wondrous loving-kindness, and for Thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another. For Thy Fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health: for the comfort of friends and kindred: for the joys of home and country: for every precious gift of Thy sleepless providence, we call upon our souls to magnify Thy Name.

We bless Thee that our darkness has been illumined by Christ's gracious words, that our burdens have been lightened by His tender sympathy, and that, by His holy influence, our feet have been guided into the way of peace. We glorify Thee that, through the sacrifice of Himself upon the cross and His victory over the grave, He hath redeemed us from sin and death. We praise Thee for the gifts which He has received for men, and which He ever lives to bestow. For the Holy Spirit, for the living Church, for the everlasting Gospel, for the ordinances of Thy grace, for the communion of saints, for all the discipline of Thy covenant love, and for the hope of glory, we thank and

praise Thy glorious Name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray Thee to bless and keep all Thy people. Give them increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived. Strengthen such as do stand; comfort and help the weak-hearted; raise up them that fall; and finally beat down Satan under their feet. Be pleased to succour, help and comfort all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation. Preserve all that travel by land or by water, all sick persons and young children; and show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives. Defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed. Have mercy upon all men. Be pleased to grant us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins; and to endue us with

the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Word.

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

No. 4.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art the Author and giver of all good gifts, we beseech Thee to instruct us with Thy wisdom, to restrain us with Thy justice, to comfort us with Thy mercy, and to defend us with Thy power.

Teach us day by day, we pray Thee, what Thou wouldest have us to do, and give us grace and strength to fulfil the same. Give us earnestness of purpose, simplicity of faith, warmth of love, and well grounded hope.

Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed. Teach us that it is better to give than to receive; better to minister than to be ministered unto: better to humble ourselves, so that by Thee we may be exalted.

May it please Thee to enlighten our understanding that we may know Thee, to sanctify our affections that we may love Thee,

and put Thy fear into our hearts, that we may dread to offend Thee.

We beseech Thee to keep us from harm within and without; from the evil which is within ourselves; from the evil which is in the world around. Give us a healthy body, a pure soul, a sanctified and humble spirit.

May it please Thee to give us the hearts of little children, that we may be willing to believe where we cannot see, and willing to trust where we cannot comprehend.

Grant us, in all our duties, Thy help; in all our difficuities, Thy counsel; in all our dangers, Thy protection; and in all our sorrows, Thy peace.

May it be the work of our lives to obey Thee, the very joy of our souls to please Thee, and the satisfaction of our desires to dwell with Thee in Thy Heavenly Kingdom.

May it please Thee to give us peace with all men, peace in our own souls, and above all, peace with Thee, our God.

Enable us to perform our allotted duties with diligence, to guide our affairs with discretion, and in all our ways to acknowledge Thee.

Feed us with food convenient for us; re-

strain us from all intemperance and excess, and repress in us all inordinate desires.

Make us pure and sincere in speech, cheerful and zealous in duty, honest in our conversation, and ready to every good work.

Make us faithful in all we undertake, patient in adversity, and humble in prosperity.

Suffer us not in health to forget Thee, or in sickness to think ourselves forgotten of Thee; and, when the shadows of this life are passed away, may we enjoy the vision of Thy heavenly glory.

(IN CONCERT.)

For these and all other things needful both for our souls and bodies we humbly pray, through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, Who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compasion on our infirmities, and those things which, from our unworthiness we do not, and from our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

No. 5.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

We render thanks unto Thy name, O God most High; for Thou hast created us in Thine own image; Thou hast given us souls to know and love Thee; Thou hast made us but a little lower than the angels; Thou hast supplied all our wants; Thou hast loaded us with Thy benefits; Thou hast caused our cup to run over.

We have sinned against Thee, but Thou hast spared us; we have wandered from

Thee, but Thou hast sought us; we were lost, but Thou hast saved us. O God our Saviour, Thou hast broken our chains, that we might be free; Thou hast healed our diseased souls, that we might not perish; Thou hast enriched us who were poor, with the treasures of Thy salvation; Thou hast made us who had nothing, to inherit all things; and even now all things are ours.

Therefore, with one heart and one voice, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name, and, with Thy saints on earth and in Heaven, we ascribe blessing and honour and glory and power unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. *Amen.*

No. 6.

O God, without Whom nothing is strong and nothing holy, strengthen us by Thy Spirit with all might; arm us against all temptation, suffer us not to be overcome of evil, but enable us to overcome evil with good. Keep us pure in the midst of abounding iniquity, tranquil in the midst of strife, patient under affliction, and work within us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Mercifully grant us Thy continual help that we may love the things which Thou dost command, and desire those things which

Thou hast promised, and so be enabled to anticipate and prepare for the life of eternal blessedness with Thyself in glory.

O God, Who art the Fountain of all grace, send down, we beseech Thee, Thy Spirit into our hearts. May He come in His enlightening, regenerating and sanctifying power, to lead us into all truth, to renew our hearts, to build us up in our most holy faith, and to purify and beautify our lives. So fill us with Thy Spirit, that we shall evermore be devoted to Him who loved us and and gave Himself for us.

Gracious Lord, who art not the author of confusion, but of peace: Be pleased so to unite our hearts and affections that we may walk as brethren in Thy House, in brotherly kindness and love as members of the Body of Christ. Let the grace of Thy Holy Spirit enkindle us, and the dew of Thy blessing continually fall upon us, that we may together in the end obtain life eternal: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

Our Father in Heaven, with grateful and humble hearts we appear before Thee. We thank Thee for all the benefits that we have

received from Thy goodness. Under Thy care we have safely lived, preserved from many evils, and kept in health and grace. Thou hast given us food and raiment; Thou hast satisfied and refreshed us. With Thy help we have accomplished the duties of our callings; and it is to Thy blessing that we owe what success we have found.

Every opportunity of doing good; every impulse in the right way; each victory we have gained over ourselves; the kindly comfort or wise counsel we have given or received; every thought of Thy presence, O, our Father; every silent but loving glance at the example of our Pattern, Thy Son our Lord; all are alike, Thy gifts to us, and for them all we praise Thy name.

We render thanks unto Thy great name for Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy towards us. We praise Thee for the succession of day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest, and that Thou hast never left Thyself without witness among men, but hast done good to all, sending rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, and filling men's hearts with gladness.

We thank Thee for our being, our reason, our health, our friends, our food and raiment, for Thy care over us from day to day; for

that Thou hast been ever with us through the past time of our lives, and hast brought us safely to this hour.

Above all, we praise and bless Thee for Thy Son, our Saviour, for Thy Spirit our Sanctifier, for the ministration of Thy holy angels, for the example of Thy saints and martyrs, and for the hope of an eternal weight of glory.

Let the memory of Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with joy unto our life's end; and let these our thanksgivings, go up with acceptance before Thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, the Fountain of all truth and grace, Who hast called us out of darkness into marvellous light by the glorious Gospel of Thy Son, grant unto us power, we beseech Thee, to walk worthy of our vocation with all lowliness and meekness, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; that we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Enable us to perform our appointed duties with diligence, to guide our affairs with discretion, and in all our ways to acknow-

ledge Thee. Feed us with food convenient for us; bestow upon us health of body and soundness of mind, and further our lawful undertakings with Thy blessing.

Restrain us from all intemperance and excess, from all vanity in speech and behaviour, and give us grace to be sober, and to watch unto prayer.

O God, who didst suffer Thine own Son to be tempted that He might be able to succour them that are tempted, we beseech Thee to save us from those snares and temptations by which we are continually beset; and so to strengthen us mightily by Thy good Spirit, that in all things we may be more than conquerors through Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood. *Amen.*

No. 9.

Hear, O Lord, our humble supplications. O Thou who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and do Thou add to us all that is necessary for the body and for this present life. May we desire Thee more than all Thy gifts, that so desiring, we may seek Thee, and find in Thee our true joy.

Quench in us, we pray Thee, O Thou Lord of our life, all wrong desires, and preserve us from vanity and inconstancy, from foolish thoughts and impure affections.

Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from selfishness and pride, from sloth and idleness, from narrowness of mind and hardness of heart.

Cleanse our hearts, we earnestly entreat Thee, from the evil passions of anger, malice, and envy, from covetousness and greed, and from all the lusts that war against the soul.

Fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit; make us kind, longsuffering and gentle; give us grace to deny ourselves, and to submit to Thy holy will, and cheerfully to serve our brethren as we have opportunity.

Give us grace at all times, we pray Thee, to be lovers of truth and peace, and servants of righteousness; deliver us from the fear of man and from all superstition and hypocrisy, that we may be the children of the light and of the day.

In adversity help us, O Lord, to be patient; in prosperity keep us humble; and when we cannot see the way before us, may we yet fear no evil, knowing that Thou art with us.

We pray Thee to establish us in truth and goodness by the inspiration of Thy holy Spirit; that which we know not do Thou reveal, that which is lacking to us do Thou supply. Let Thy grace be sufficient for us, and Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness.

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We beseech Thee to hear us in all these our prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 10.

O God, our heavenly Father, we devoutly thank Thee for all Thy mercies and loving kindness. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, all the offences of our past lives, and enable us to believe in Him, to the salvation of our souls.

Increase our longing after conformity to our Divine Redeemer, and may the remembrance of His marvellous love, and grace, and mercy, incline our hearts to follow close after Him.

Blessed Lord, we have the assurance of Thine own gracious promise that whatsoever we shall ask in Thy name, we shall receive it.

We humbly ask of Thee more love, more grace, more faith and trust in Thee. Re-

member, O Lord, the word to Thy servants in which Thou hast caused us to hope, and answer us according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Thou knowest, O, our Father, that while we are in this life we have manifold bodily wants to be supplied, and hast graciously promised to them that seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness that all other needful things shall be added unto them; grant us such a competent portion of earthly blessings as Thy wisdom seeth to be suitable and expedient for us. We ask of Thee food to eat and raiment to put on. Give to us skill and industry to provide for ourselves and those dependent on us; and bless us in all the works of our hands, that we may be helpful to others. Suffer us not in prosperity to forget, or in adversity to think ourselves forgotten, of Thee. Above all, grant that our spiritual wants may be more and more abundantly supplied through the fulness of the blessings of Thy Gospel, to the end that, growing in knowledge and in grace, our souls may be strengthened and nourished unto life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALTERNATIVE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

No. 1.

O God most merciful, Who art the source of all grace and consolation, we beseech Thee to send forth Thy Spirit, the Comforter, into the hearts of those who are called to endure any sickness, trouble, or adversity. Let Thy fatherly chastisement, though for the present it be not joyous but grievous, work the peaceable fruit of righteousness, in them that are exercised thereby. Enrich their souls with faith and hope, with patience and fortitude; and while they look at those things which are not seen, may their present affliction work for them a far more exceeding, evenan eternal weight of glory.

Hear us, O Lord, on behalf of our Queen and of our country. Grant a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord, to the Ministers and Counsellors of the State, to Magistrates, Judges, and all that are invested with

authority; that we, under them, may lead a quiet and peaceable life in goodliness and honesty, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Father of mercies, we pray for the good estate of the holy catholic Church, that all Thy Christian people may be built up in their most holy faith, and that Thy Church everywhere may be more faithful to its heavenly mission in the world. May the heathen be turned from their idols to serve Thee, the living and true God. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. Let Thy way be known upon the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time to make our common supplications unto Thee, bless us in our fellowship one with another, so that our meeting may be a true communion of saints; and may we, who here join in the worship of Thy name, be united at last in the number of those who serve Thee day and night in Thy temple.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and

majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 2.

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord; let all the kindreds of the nations worship before Thee.

Father of mercies and God of love, we render unto Thee our thanksgiving for all Thy goodness vouchsafed unto us. We bless Thee that Thou hast spared us hitherto; that Thou hast preserved us amidst the many changes and chances of this mortal life, and hast provided for our wants. For all Thy bounties known and unknown, for all Thy blessings of the present life, and for the hopes of a better life to come, we give Thee our humble and hearty thanks. Let the memory of Thy bountiful goodness, we beseech Thee, fill all our hearts with joy and thankfulness unto our life's end, and constrain us evermore to praise Thee for the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Almighty God, Who hast made of one blood all nations, we pray for the peace of the whole world and the salvation of all men.

We pray for the Empire to which we belong, beseeching Thee to preserve it in peace and to defend it in times of danger. Regard with Thy favour, O Lord, our Sovereign whom Thou hast placed over us, and all the Royal family; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy Heavenly grace, prosper them with all happiness, and make them a blessing and example of righteousness to the nation. Grant to all in authority a wise heart, a sound judgment, a courageous spirit, and a strong sense of duty. Protect all true servants of the Queen and country; may they fulfil their respective duties faithfully, and may their services be blessed to Thy honour and to the welfare of the people.

We commend to Thy Almighty care and protection all travellers, sojourners and strangers: preserve those who journey by land and sea, and grant to all who are far from their homes that they may return in peace and safety.

We pray Thee look in mercy upon the poor and destitute; upon the bereaved and the sorrowful, the sick and the dying; upon such as are unjustly held in bondage, and upon all that are desolate and oppressed.

Send them speedy help and deliverance, and so enrich the souls of Thine afflicted servants with patience and hope, that their present trouble may conduce to their eternal salvation, through our merciful High Priest, Who ever liveth to make intercession for them.

O Thou, Who art the God of all the families of the earth, we beseech Thee to bless our dear friends and kindred. Grant them Thy special favour and protection; bless them outwardly in their bodies, inwardly in their souls, and give them the peace that passeth all understanding.

Finally, O Lord, we pray for each other, all for each and each for all. Grant that we may spend the remainder of this day and every day in Thy fear; protect us by day and by night; may Thy goodness and mercy never leave us, and be graciously pleased to keep in health and peace our homes and our loved ones; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 3.

O Lord, our Father in Heaven, we beseech Thee to visit Thy Church universal with the

joy of Thy salvation. Endow her plenteously with spiritual gifts, and enrich with the graces of Thy Spirit those whom Thou hast set apart to minister in holy things. Send forth, we pray Thee, to all lands labourers fitted to do the work to which Thou mayest call them. Let the Sun of righteousness give light to those who sit in darkness, and may Thy Gospel everywhere have free course and be glorified.

O Thou before whose face the generations rise and pass away, we pray for all nations that they may be brought to the knowledge and obedience of the truth. We pray for all Christian people throughout the world that they may find peace in Thee.

Regard with Thy favour our gracious Queen Victoria. May she rule in Thy fear, be guided and sanctified by Thy Spirit, and be defended by Thine Almighty power.

Endow with grace, wisdom and understanding the Imperial Parliament, the Governor-General and Parliament of the Dominion, the Legislatures and Councils of all parts of the Empire, the judges, magistrates, and all in authority; that they may advance Thy glory and the public good, and may the whole body of the British people of every

race in every land be distinguished by that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

O Thou helper of the helpless, be pleased to hear the cry of the afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; send consolation to those that are in sorrow; reclaim the erring and supply the wants of the destitute. We beseech Thee to heal the sick, to ease the pains of the suffering and to draw nigh in mercy to the dying, giving them faith in Thee, through Christ our Lord, in whom, whoso believeth, shall never die.

Be pleased, O Lord, to remember our kindred, friends and benefactors; reward them with Thy blessings, sanctify them with Thy grace and bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom.

These things we ask, O Heavenly Father, in humble confidence and joyful hope, trusting that we ask them according to Thy will. To these, our prayers, we add our unfeigned praise for mercies already received. We praise Thee for all Thy servants departed this life in faith and hope, beseeching Thee to give us grace to follow their good example that this life ended, we may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through Jesus

Christ, in whose words we sum up all our petitions.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 4.

Almighty God, who hast commanded us to make intercessions for all men, we humbly beseech Thee to receive our petitions on behalf of those whom we ought to remember at the throne of grace.

O Thou, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, we pray for the whole human race, that they may be brought to the knowledge of the truth, and may become united in the fear and love of Thee. Let Thy way, O God, be known upon earth, and Thy saving health among all nations.

Look down in Thy kindness upon our Country and our Empire. Hear us on behalf of our sovereign, the Queen, and the members of the royal family. May the throne be established in righteousness. Grant a spirit of wisdom and of the fear of the Lord to the Queen's ministers, to the members of Parliament, to all judges and magistrates, and to all in places of public trust.

We pray that Thou wouldst prosper our universities, seats of learning, and aid all

teachers of youth; that Thou wouldst enlighten those who guide public opinion by voice or pen; that Thou wouldst give Thy spirit to all physicians, and sustain them in their endeavours to heal the bodies of men. Hear us also for all busy workers in the highways of life, for the merchant at the mart of business, for the labourer in the field, and for the sailor on the sea, that while pursuing their several callings with fidelity and zeal, they may remember that they serve a Master in heaven.

Almighty Father, the God of all comfort, we entreat Thee in behalf of the sick and the afflicted, that it may please Thee to grant unto them comfort and relief. Spare lives that are useful and precious, if it seem good in Thy sight. Forsake not Thy servants who are old and grey-headed; but, when their strength faileth, do Thou tenderly sustain them, and cheer their hearts with the sweet hope of eternal life. Hear us, O pitiful Saviour, for the poor and needy, and for the widow and the orphan. Have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way. Look in mercy upon the fallen and the degraded, and upon all who have forsaken or forgotten the religion of their early days. We supplicate

strength for the weak, guidance for the perplexed, succour for the tempted, and restoration even at the eleventh hour for those who have wandered far from Thee.

Hear us, good Lord, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven.

No. 5.

O God, Giver of all good and Fountain of all blessing, in Whom are the springs of our life: all glory and praise be unto Thee for Thy wondrous loving-kindness; for Thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; and for Thy mercies which are new every morning, fresh every moment, and more than can be numbered.

For Thy fatherly hand ever upon us in sickness and in health; for the comfort of friends and kindred; for the joys of home and country; for every precious gift of Thy sleepless providence, we call upon our souls to magnify Thy name. We ask Thee to visit with Thy loving-kindness all who are bound to us with the ties of kinship or affection. Let Thy wisdom guide them, and Thy grace protect them. Be pleased to perfect in them the spirit of faith and love, that

their names may be written in Thy book of remembrance, and that they all may be Thine in that day when Thou makest up Thy jewels.

O Thou helper of the helpless, we commend to Thy fatherly pity all who are called to bear the burden of sadness or of pain. Be pleased to grant unto the sick and the sorrowful the healing ministry of Thy tenderness. Cheer the lonely and the friendless with the comfort of Thy presence. Soothe, we beseech Thee, the wounded spirit of the mourner, and speak peace to the anxious soul. Send the effectual succour of Thy grace to the tempted and to the weak; yea, make them more than conquerors in the day of evil.

We pray for our country, and for all classes and conditions of men within its borders. Grant unto our Sovereign grace upon grace, that she may ever rule in godly fear, as a servant of the King of Kings. Give sound understanding and wisdom to her counsellors; and may those be chief in influence who are pure in heart. Guide Thou our senators and representatives; enlighten our judges and magistrates; teach Thou all our teachers. Let Christ be enthroned in the hearts of the people, and grant that His gos-

pel of peace and purity, and brotherhood, may be more and more the supreme law of our national life.

Now unto the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, be honour and power everlasting. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 6.

God be gracious unto us, and bless all our people. Bless our rulers and give them the fear of God and a good understanding, that they may govern well and wisely, and maintain peace and unity. Bless our homes. May husbands and wives live in love and mutual confidence with each other; may parents have joy in their children, and children honour their parents. May brethren dwell in unity, and neighbours be kind to one another. Prosper us all with Thy blessing in our various callings and spheres, that we may be able to provide things honest in the sight of all men, and may accomplish the work Thou hast given us to do. Look in Thy compassion on the tears of the widow and of the orphan; listen to their cry and despise not their complaint. Have mercy upon all who are in any trouble or affliction, in

pain or sickness, in trial or temptation. Help the poor; give them content, and make them rich in Thee. Guard the rich from pride, and from trusting in uncertain wealth; and teach them to look to Thee the loving God, who canst alone continue them in the possession of what they enjoy. Bless all pious hearts that love Thee; and may all the ends of the earth behold Thy glory. *Amen.*

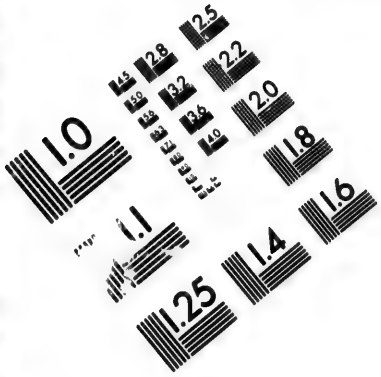
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

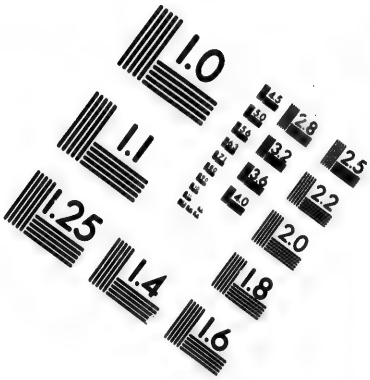
No. 7.

O God, who art good unto all men, and whose tender mercies are over all Thy works, receive in Thy mercy the intercessions we offer unto Thee.

Remember, O Lord, Thy Church; preserve her from all evil, and perfect her in Thy love; purify from their sins all those who love her, and bring them to the kingdom which Thou hast prepared for them. Have mercy upon Thine ancient people, and bring them into the Church with the fulness of the Gentile nations.

We pray for those to whom Thou hast given authority and rule. Bless, O Lord, all princes and governors, especially our sovereign lady, Queen Victoria, and all the





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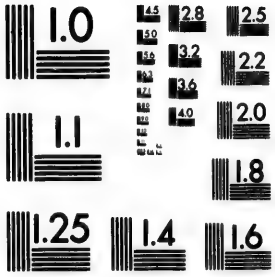

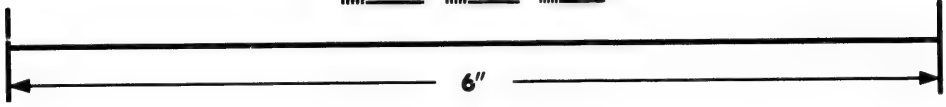

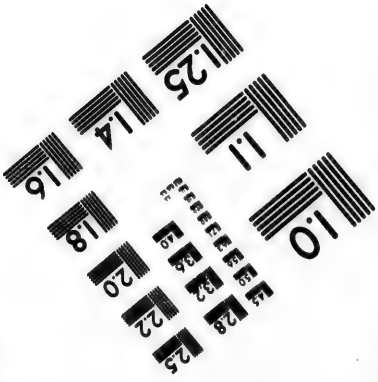

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rulers, judges and magistrates of our land. Endue them with wisdom and power from above, and grant to them the right spirit of government, that they may seek Thy kingdom and execute justice faithfully, and that we, and all the people in this land, may dwell in peace and serve Thee without fear. Relieve and comfort all who are persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak, confirm the strong; instruct the ignorant, deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him, and relieve the needy that hath no helper; and lead us all by the still waters of comfort and in the paths of righteousness to Thine everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Our Father Who art in Heaven.

No. 8.

O God, who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, we beseech Thee to receive these our prayers which we offer humbly to Thy Divine Majesty.

Remember in Thy mercy Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen; preserve her person in health and strength, her crown in

honour and dignity, her dominions in peace and plenty; keep her perpetually in Thy fear and favor, and at last may she receive that crown of life which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee. May Thy rich blessing also rest upon Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the members of the Royal Family.

We pray for the Queen's ministers and counsellors, for judges and magistrates, and for all who are in authority. Enlighten and guide them; and so direct the affairs of this nation that righteousness and truth, peace and contentment, may everywhere prevail.

We commend to Thine Almighty guardianship the army and navy, and all who are exposed to danger by sea or by land. Remember in Thy mercy the poor and needy, the widows and the fatherless, the strangers and the friendless, the sick and the dying; relieve their needs, sanctify their sufferings, strengthen their weakness, and in due time grant them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Regard with Thy favour our kindred and all who are dear to us. Unite us in the bonds of a common faith and hope; and in-

spire us with mutual love, gentleness and forbearance, that we may walk before Thee in our homes with a perfect heart.

Eternal God, with whom do rest the spirits of just men made perfect; we bless and praise Thy holy name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; and especially for those most dear to us who have fallen asleep in Jesus; and we beseech Thee to give us grace to follow their good examples, that we may continue united to them in fellowship of spirit, and that finally we may be gathered together in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father Who art in Heaven.

No. 9.

Almighty and Everlasting God, we come to Thee through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate, and we entreat Thee for His merits to receive our intercessions and to help our infirmities by Thy Holy Spirit.

We pray for kings and all in authority, that they may be just, ruling in Thy fear; especially for Thy servant, Queen Victoria, that she may enjoy Thy favour, seek Thy glory, and study to preserve her people in peace, prosperity and godliness.

We pray for our country, that Thou wouldst grant us peaceful times and fruitful seasons; that Thou wouldst prosper our industries, and defend us from our enemies.

We invoke Thy blessing upon our universities and schools, that the young may be taught that fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom.

We commend to Thy love and favour all who are ministering to the wants of the poor and needy. May their hands be strengthened, and their prayers and alms come up for a memorial before Thee.

We pray for our friends, and for every family and household, that true religion may flourish among them.

For parents, that they may bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and for children, that they may obey their parents in all things.

For masters, that they may give to their servants that which is just and equal, knowing that they have a Master in heaven; and for servants, that they may serve from the heart, with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not unto men.

We pray for all travellers by land or water, that they may be brought safely on

their way; for all in danger, that they may be delivered, and praise Thee for Thy goodness and Thy wonderful works towards them.

For all widows and orphans that Thou wouldst be their stay; for those in sickness and sorrow, that Thou wouldst heal and comfort them; for those in doubt and fear that Thou wouldst relieve them; for the dying, that Thou wouldst comfort and strengthen them by Thy presence, and afterwards receive them to glory.

We pray for all who have erred and strayed from Thy ways, that they may have the grace of true repentance; and for all who have striven to do Thy will and keep the faith, that they may persevere unto life eternal. *Amen.*

Our Father Who art in Heaven.

No. 10.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldst be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, that all may be led into the way of truth.

O God, in mercy remember Thine inheritance, and forget not the congregation of the

poor for ever. Thou art our Redeemer and the Lifter up of our head, and under the shadow of Thy wings shall we find our shelter and our rest.

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all kings, rulers and governors; grant that their people may obey them, and that they may obey Thee. Especially do we pray for our sovereign lady the Queen, that she may reign in peace and in true religion, a partaker of Thy blessing here and of Thy kingdom of glory hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give to our relatives and friends pardon of sin and the support of Thy grace, comfort in their sorrows, strength in their temptations, and the guidance of Thy good Spirit; that doing Thy will and rejoicing in Thy mercies here, they may partake of Thy glories hereafter.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by Thy comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity.

Be Thou a star and a guide to them that travel by land or sea; the strength of them that toil in fields or in the the mines; give

cheerfulness to sad hearts, maintenance to the poor, be a defence to the oppressed, and bring to an end the sins and the miseries of all mankind.

Give to all merchants faithfulness and integrity; to the husbandman health, fair seasons, and reward his toil with the dew of heaven and the blessings of the earth. Give to all workmen diligence in their callings, and a blessing on their labours; give to the old an assured confidence of Thy love and a meetness for heaven; give to the young an early piety; give to all families Thy protection; and give to us pardon and holiness and life eternal. *Amen.*

(IN CONCERT)

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hear our petitions for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, &c.

ALTERNATIVE HYMNS OF PRAISE.

(The words in italics may be read by the worshippers, but if they are not prepared to join, the whole may be read by the Reader.)

No. 1.

Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing Psalms unto Him, talk ye of all His wondrous works.

Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually.

Remember His marvellous works that He hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

O ye seed of Israel, His servant, ye children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

Be ye mindful always of His covenant; the word which He commanded to a thousand generations;

Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of His oath unto Isaac.

1 Chronicles, Chap. 16, 8–16

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day His salvation.

Declare His glory among the heathen: His marvellous works among all nations.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all Gods.

For all the Gods of the people are idols; but the Lord made the heavens.

Glory and honour are in His presence: strength and gladness are in His place.

Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come before Him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Fear before Him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein.

Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord, because He cometh to judge the earth.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

And say ye, save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to Thy holy name, and glory in Thy praise.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said Amen, and praised the Lord.

—1 Chronicles, Chap. 16, 23-36.

No. 2.

O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things;

Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces;

And the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us:

This is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

—Isaiah, Ch. 25, 1-9.

No. 3.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

—Luke, Ch. 1, 68-79.

(There may also be substituted for the HYMN OF PRAISE given in the model service, any of the following Psalms, to be found in the selection appended, page 145.

No. 4.—Psalm 46.
No. 5.—Psalm 90.
No. 6.—Psalm 103.
No. 7.—Psalm 104.
No. 8.—Psalm 107.
No. 9.—Psalm 118.
No. 10.—Psalm 148.

ALTERNATIVE

CONCLUDING PRAYERS.

No. 1.

Most merciful God, Who hast given unto us Thy holy commandments, whereby we should direct our lives; imprint them on our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit. And grant that we may so renounce all our fleshly desires, and all the vanities of this world, that our whole delight may be in Thy law; and that we, being always governed by Thy holy Word, may in the end attain unto that eternal salvation which Thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Thy blessing upon the services in which we have lifted up our souls to Thee this day. May every season of quiet communion with Thee, and meditation on things unseen, be a preparation for more earnest thought and more diligent work. Give us a lofty aim and a settled purpose in life, a heart filled with Thy love, and a will in harmony with Thine. And may we all strive, even as we pray, that Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Almighty and everlasting God, with Whom alone is the fountain of wisdom and strength, we ask Thy blessing on the prayers and praises in which we have lifted up our souls to Thee at this time. May we go hence with a peaceful sense of Thy presence, and abide for ever under the shadow of Thy wing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Thou, that art Light, and in Whom is no darkness, keep us Thy servants, and all that are dear to us, from all evil, whether of the body or of the soul. Whether we wake or sleep, let all our thoughts and deeds be in accordance with Thy holy will. May we go forth to live in Thine honour, and to the service of our fellow-men. And grant that, when this life has passed away, we may behold the light of Thine eternal glory in the kingdom of heaven: through Him that loved us, and hath redeemed us from darkness, sin, and death, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

Lord, let the word which we have heard be as good seed in our hearts, bringing forth in us fruits which all men may see, the fear and love of God, and deadness to the world

and sin. When we return to our daily toil, be Thou our shield against the arrows of temptation, our shelter in the heat of the day. Be Thou, Lord, the strength of our life; of whom then shall we be afraid?

Let all things be new with us in this new week. Give us new love and desire for Thee; new zeal to serve and obey Thee. Help us to avoid and flee from the sins we have committed in the week that is past, so that all may know that our fellowship with Thee has not been in vain. Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living to the honour and praise of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 4.

O God, our Father, we beseech Thee to accept our worship. Pardon its imperfections, and grant that henceforth, putting all our trust in Thy well-beloved Son, enlightened by His teaching, guided by His example, and sanctified by His Spirit, we may walk in newness of life, and so prepare for that blessed life which Thou hast promised

to Thy children in heaven. Hear us, O merciful Father, in these our supplications, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

No. 5.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise when two or three are gathered together in Thy name Thou wilt grant them their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

No. 6.

O God, who art Light, and in whom is no darkness, grant unto us Thy light, that we may walk therein. Grant that we may know Thy will, and by keeping it increase our light. Where there needs must be darkness, grant to us that what we cannot see we may be content to trust in Thee; that in all our ways, being guided and guarded by Thee, we may be kept from

falling, and pass at last through the gate of death into the life eternal, through Thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 7.

Now, O Father, we ask Thy blessing on the prayers and praises in which we have been engaged this day. May we retain a peaceful sense of Thy presence with us. May every season of quiet communion with Thee, and meditation on things unseen, be a preparation for more diligent work and more earnest thought. O send us hence in the spirit of hope and resolve, and confident trust in Thy guidance. Give us a lofty aim and a settled purpose in life, a heart filled with Thy love, and a will in harmony with Thine. And may we all strive, even as we pray, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

No. 8.

O God, who art the defender of all who trust in Thee, we humbly beseech Thee to be our continual guardian and protector in all our pilgrimage. We humbly pray Thee to pardon the imperfections of these our unworthy services, and forgive whatever there has been amiss in us this day and

during our past lives. Let Thy Holy Spirit continually be with us, that we may love Thee more and serve Thee better. Help us to carry the spirit of this Thy Holy Day into the occupations of the week, that whilst we are engaged in honest work, or innocent recreation, we may live in Thy fear and ever enjoy Thy favour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 9.

O Thou, bountiful giver of all good, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask, and art able to do for us above all we ask or think, we cast ourselves on Thy fatherly care. Graciously receive the prayers and praise we have humbly tried to offer Thee. Vouchsafe a favourable answer to our petitions. Open our hearts to receive the lessons of Thy Word; and grant that all the services of our earthly Sabbaths may, by Thy grace, prepare us for the enjoyment of the everlasting rest which remaineth for Thy people in heaven. *Amen.*

No. 10.

Almighty Father, Who, with untiring love, dost watch over Thy children from one generation to another: amid all the changes

of our earthly life Thou abidest. Graciously help us to abide in Thee, that evermore we may be steadfast and strong. For the light that never failed and the grace that never left us in the days gone by: for the visions that dispelled our doubt and the hopes that chastened our sorrow, we lift up our hearts to Thee in praise and joy. May the coming days be filled with a high sense of the sacredness of life and the value of time. With the dawning of each new day, shine on us with Thy face. Uplift our hearts by the thought of the glory of our calling in Christ and of the joy that is set before us in His service. May the numberless memories of Thy patient love deliver us from every crooked way, from every evil thought and imagination, that when all our days on earth are done we may be presented before the presence of Thy glory without blemish in exceeding joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O give thanks unto the Lord,
for He is good.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

FOR THE USE OF

Colonists, Settlers, and Farmers.

No. 1.

Eternal God, Who hast been a dwelling place throughout all generations and Who hast said that Thou wilt never fail nor forsake them that sincerely trust in Thee; we here present unto Thee our desires in faith and love; though far from home suffer us not to be forgetful of Thy service; but teach us still to acknowledge Thee in all our ways, honouring Thy name, searching Thy word, hallowing Thy sabbath and keeping Thy commandments. Help us to lead a life of faith in our Divine Saviour, who loved us and gave himself for us; and whatsoever we do in word or in deed, dispose us to do all in His name.

Look down, we pray Thee, with compassion on the spiritual wants of the people of this place, that they may not be left as sheep without a shepherd.

Abundantly bless the Church of our fathers. May she be greatly honoured in declaring Thy saving truth not only within

her own borders, but in this and all other parts of the British Empire, and in the remote and dark places of the heathen world.

Be gracious to our absent relatives and friends. Protect them by Thy power, and bless them with Thy favour, and cheer us from time to time with tidings of their welfare.

Grant us such aids of Thy providence and grace as are suited to the wants and trials of our present condition. Strengthen us for our lawful occupations. Preserve us from worldly anxieties and cares, and amidst all our toils and wanderings, dispose us to seek our strength and our rest in Thee. May we comfort ourselves with the prospect of that better land of everlasting peace and joy, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. Graciously hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

No. 2.

O Lord our God, Who art present everywhere, and Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, bestow Thy favourable regard on us, Thine unworthy servants, who are far removed from the courts of Thy house and from the solemn assemblies of

Thy people. Let not our souls be cast down within us at the thought of priviliges formerly enjoyed when we went to Thy house with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept Thy holy day. Cause us to feel assured that Thou art ever at hand to hear us when we call upon Thee, and that whatsoever place may be hallowed by Thy true worship shall prove to be none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. We thank Thee, that to us, as to Thy people everywhere, Thou hast given Thine own Son as a Saviour and Intercessor, Thy Holy Spirit as a Comforter and Guide, Thy Word of Truth as an Instructor, Thy throne of grace as a never-failing refuge, and we pray that Thou wouldst teach us to improve these great mercies, that we may not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel, and cut off by our own neglect from the communion of Thy saints.

Preserve us, O God, from the perils and temptations to which we are exposed. Save us from worldly anxieties and cares. Teach us to be patient and contented under all trials, sustaining each other by mutual kindness and self-denial, and lightening our common hardships by cheerful confidence and hope in Thee. Bless us in all the works

of our hands, and sanctify all the circumstances of our lot to our growth in grace and our preparation for eternity.

We commend to Thy fatherly kindness and protection our beloved friends, from whom we are separated, earnestly beseeching Thee to remember them with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit them with Thy salvation.

Graciously hear our humble supplications, and grant an answer in peace, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

No. 3.

O Lord our God, author and giver of all good things, who hast ordained the grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth; look down in Thy compassion upon this and the neighbouring lands, and bless, we beseech Thee, the labours of Thy servants, who have tilled and sowed our fields. Vouchsafe to us temperate and seasonable weather; cause Thy sun to shine, and let Thy rain and dew refresh the ground; that the fruits of the earth may be matured, our garners filled, and our stores replenished with abundance of food. So we, Thy people and the sheep of Thy pasture, will give

thanks unto Thy holy name, waiting for the time when, with all Thy saints, we shall be gathered into the garner of Thy Kingdom. Hear us, Heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May be used by Those at Sea.

No. 1.

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive under Thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants. Preserve us in all perils and dangers, and, with a thankful remembrance of Thy great mercies, may we in due time return in safety to the land, to enjoy the blessings which Thou in Thy mercy may grant to us, and to praise and glorify Thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Almighty God, Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea: under whose

protection we are alike secure in every place, and without whose providence we can no where be in safety: Look down in mercy on us Thine unworthy servants, who are called to see Thy wonders on the deep. Let Thine everlasting arm be underneath and round about us. Preserve us in all dangers; support us in all trials; conduct us speedily and safely on our voyage, and bring us in peace and comfort to our desired haven. Bless our homes and take our beloved friends under Thy watchful guardianship and protection. Fulfil both to us and to them, Thy gracious promise, that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. Hear our prayers, O merciful Father, and give us grace to abide steadfast in the faith, so that we may be enabled to pass through the storms of this uncertain world and finally come to the land of everlasting rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May be used by Miners and Prospectors.

Heavenly Father, Who in Thy providence hast cast our lot in this distant land, grant us, we pray Thee, Thy guardianship and blessing. Suffer no evil to befall us. Aid

us in all our lawful undertakings, and prosper us in the works of our hands. Teach us, as much as lieth in us, to live peaceably with all men, and by fidelity and uprightness to find favour in the eyes of those with whom we are associated.

Teach us, in whatsoever circumstances we may be placed to endure, as seeing Thee who art invisible. Suffer us not to be so engrossed with the occupations of this life as to neglect the preparation for the life to come. Preserve us from pride and self indulgence, and from those spiritual dangers to which, in our calling we are peculiarly exposed; keep us from the seduction of wicked example and from the temptations which beset us. Impart to us strength for the endurance of toils and hardships; extend to us patience and constancy amid trials and privations; give us courage in perils; and hope and support in life and in death. Above all, make us earnest and watchful in striving against the enemies of our souls, and lead us always to look up to Thee as our refuge and our sure defence. Grant unto us, for our Redeemer's sake, the full forgiveness of all our sins. May Thy peace that passeth all understanding dwell in our hearts, so that amid all the storms and

troubles of life we may ever rest in Thee. Guide, guard, govern us even to the end of life's journey. May we live all our days in Thy fear. May we die in Thy favour, and let our portion be among Thy saints at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hear, O Lord, these our humble petitions. Be the ever present guardian to those we love who are far from us. Protect them by day and night, and grant that in all the changes of this world, they and we may ever be strengthened and upheld by Thy Almighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be the glory as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

May be used by Those on Military Duty.

Gracious God, grant that we who have been called to bear arms in the service of our country, may be enabled to do so in a manner becoming good soldiers of Jesus Christ, and help us steadfastly to walk with Thee. Give us grace, we beseech Thee, to be loyal to our Sovereign and valiant for our

country; impart to us strength for the endurance of toils and hardships; indue us with courage to brave every peril; arm us with true valour to resist the temptations to which we are exposed. Above all, do Thou give us strength to subdue the enemies of our souls, and bestow upon us grace always to put our trust in Thee as our sure refuge and defence.

May we take unto ourselves the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand all our spiritual enemies.

Preserve us in constant allegiance to Christ the Captain of our salvation. Enable us courageously to confess Him, and faithfully to serve Him. May we never forget that we are His servants and His soldiers.

Grant that over all the hostile powers of evil we may be more than conquerors, through Him that loveth us. Enable us by Thy grace, to fight the good fight of faith; to lay hold upon eternal life which Thou hast promised to bestow on everyone that overcometh.

Most merciful God, by Whose providence are all things which come into the lives of men, whether of suffering which Thou permittest, or of joy and gladness which Thou

givest, look we beseech Thee with eyes of compassion on the dear ones from whom we are separated. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to pour down upon them the abundance of Thy mercy. Abide with them and bless them and let Thy heavenly peace rest in their hearts.

Incline Thine ear to these our humble prayers Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we further pray,

Our Father who art in Heaven, etc.

For the Army and Navy.

O Almighty, Lord God, Source of all Strength, King of Kings and Governor of the nations, we commend to Thy Fatherly care the men who are serving our Empire on land and sea, beseeching Thee to take them under Thine own protection and favorably to regard the cause of our Queen and Country. Be to them a Tower of Strength in the midst of danger. Lead them at all times to find courage by looking up to Thee, Who art the only giver of victory.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who rulest over all the Kingdoms of the World,

and disposest of them according to Thy good pleasure, we beseech Thee to forgive our individual and national sins, and grant us evermore as a people to use the power and every means which Thou givest us to the advancement of Thy kingdom; seeking always deliverance of the oppressed and as much as lieth in us, the good of all mankind. O Thou, Who art our Strength, our Refuge and our Everlasting Hope, fill the world with Thy glory, and by the radiance of Thy light, enlighten all the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Morning Prayers.

No. 1.

Heavenly Father, our Creator and our Preserver, we would return to Thee to give Thee thanks for the rest of the past night, and for Thy goodness and mercy in bringing us to a new day. Entering upon another period of our pilgrimage we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us, in body and in soul, to Thy protecting care. May no dangers befall us; may no perils beset our path; may no burdens come upon us

that we shall not be able to bear; may no temptations await us that we shall not be able to resist. Merciful Father, remember our weakness and give us strength to overcome sin. If our hearts have wandered from Thee may Thy love bring us back to Thy service. Assist us, O Lord, to feel our responsibilities and faithfully perform our duties. We implore the aid and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit throughout this day and henceforth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

No. 2.

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast mercifully cared for us during the hours of darkness, and for the life and comforts which a new day brings us. Thou art daily loading us with Thy benefits; help us to show forth Thy praise.

Forgive us, we beseech Thee, our forgetfulness of Thee, and our disobedience to Thy holy law, and grant us Thy grace that henceforth we may try to please Thee in all that we say or do.

Bless us this day—and make us a blessing to others. Help us to save precious time. Strengthen us against temptation. Keep us

from danger and sin. May we live as Thou wouldst have us to live, and strive daily to do the things which are pleasing in Thy sight. Bless our dear friends. Remember in Thy mercy the sick, the sorrowing, and the poor, and do them all the good they need.

Hear this our morning prayer and help us reverently to pray as Christ has taught us.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, &c.

No. 3.

Most Merciful Father, be pleased to accept our morning prayers. Look favourably upon us, we beseech Thee, while we bow before Thee. We come confessing our sins, and imploring afresh Thy continued protection.

We thank Thee for the mercies of the past, and for the measure of health and strength which Thou hast given us with the new day. Suffer us not to think little of our daily blessings because they are continually renewed to us. Give us, we beseech Thee, grateful hearts, and make us truly thankful for all Thy merciful kindness, and enable us to show our thankfulness by daily endeavouring to honour Thee in all that we do.

Thou, Lord, knowest the faults of each one of us; we pray Thee to forgive them and incline us henceforth to walk humbly and diligently in Thy ways. We pray Thee to have compassion on us; remove our ignorances of heavenly things and graciously pour Thy Holy Spirit upon us.

We know that we are disposed to evil, and to wander from Thee; give us, we pray Thee, Thy sustaining hand, and guide us by Thy counsel. Whatever holy purposes Thy Spirit may awaken in our hearts, enable us to carry them into practice.

Merciful Father, be with the dear ones whom we love, wherever they are and whatever they may be doing, be their guardian and protector. May we and all dear to us be united to Thee in bonds which shall never be broken. Lord, grant to these our humble prayers an answer of mercy and peace, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Evening Prayers.

No. 1.

O Lord God, in Whose presence there is no darkness, keep and defend us in soul and

body, during the coming night and in all the darkness of this mortal life.

May we rest in the assurance of Thy favour; in the peace of a good conscience; in the hope of a better life; in the faith of Thy providence and protection; and in the love of Thy Spirit. May we rise up again in renewed health and strength for our several callings, to work the work of God while the day lasts, seeing the night cometh in which no man can work. And whether we wake or sleep, may we live together with Christ.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

No. 2.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Who hast spared us during another day and hast brought us to the beginning of the night. Hear our prayers, and those of all Thy people: forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances: accept our evening supplications, and send down on Thine inheritance the fulness of Thy mercy and compassion.

Compass us about with Thy holy angels: arm us with the armour of Thy righteousness, and guard us by Thy power: deliver us from every assault and device of the adversary, and grant that we may pass this night and all the days and nights of our life in fulness of peace and holiness, without sin or offence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

No. 3.

Accept, O Merciful Father, our thanksgiving for the mercies of the past day and of our past lives. We humbly acknowledge that to Thee we owe all we are and all we have. This night, we pray Thee, give us refreshing sleep to prepare and strengthen us, both in soul and body, for the duties of a new day and for any trials that may await us. We resign ourselves and all that is ours, and all who are dear to us, to Thy ever wakeful Providence, most humbly beseeching Thee that we may rise from our beds with hearts thankful, pure and devoted to Thy service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Thou Keeper of Israel, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest, be pleased in Thy mercy to watch over us this night, and

make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust. Preserve us while waking, and defend us while sleeping, that when we are awake we may watch with Christ, and when we sleep we may rest in peace. *Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

A General Prayer.

We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, permit us to draw near unto Thee, while we humbly ask Thee to forgive whatever Thou hast seen amiss in us during our past lives; we offer Thee our hearty thanks for all that Thou hast done for us and pray that Thou wilt continue Thy goodness to us.

Through our frailty we have often offended against Thy holy law;

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

We have done those things which we ought not to have done;

May it please thee to cleanse us from our secret faults, and to keep us also from presumptuous sins;

Deliver us from anger, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness;

Keep us from hasty and hateful temper, and dispose us to be kind and helpful to each other and to all men;

Inspire us with upright thoughts, pure affections and chaste desires;

O, Almighty Father, Who art kind to all, even to the unthankful and to the evil, we humbly praise Thee for Thy goodness to us during the past, for our life and health, our food and clothing, our friends and kindred, and for Thy continual guidance and protection. We beseech Thee to give us help and strength to resist the Evil One and to overcome sin. May Thy Holy Spirit accompany us henceforth, and so fill our hearts that we may firmly believe in Thee, love and reverence Thee, and keep Thy commandments. Give us, we beseech Thee, those blessings which Thou hast promised to all who love and serve Thee.

O Lord, make us poor in spirit, that ours may be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Make us to mourn for sin, that we may be comforted by Thy grace.

Make us meek, O Lord, that we may inherit the earth.

Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled therewith.

Make us merciful, O Lord, that we may obtain mercy.

Make us pure in heart, that we may see Thee, our God.

Make us peace-makers, that we may be called the children of God.

Make us willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake, that ours may be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Make us willing to be reviled and persecuted and have all manner of evil said against us falsely, for Christ's sake, that we may have our reward in Heaven.

Almighty Father, by Whose care and providence we are preserved and comforted, we beseech Thee to watch over all who are near and dear to us; shield them from all harm; keep them from all sin; and be with them to guide them in all their ways.

O God, our Father, grant us Thy heavenly grace, that we may so live from day to day, as in all things to please Thee; and seeing

we know neither the day nor the hour of our Master's coming, may we be always ready, so that living or dying we may be Thine; through the love and merits and mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. *Amen.*

May the very God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and may our whole Spirit, and Soul and Body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Burial Service.

Blessed are the Dead which die
in the Lord from
henceforth.

The Burial of the Dead.

On account of climate and other reasons, it may be convenient and desirable to have a service at the house, to be followed by a short prayer at the grave.

The service may begin by reading Scripture sentences suitable to the circumstances, selected from the following :

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.—*I. Tim. VI. 7.*

Lord make me know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold Thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth : and mine age is as nothing before Thee : verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity—*Ps. XXXIX. 4-5.*

The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.—*Job I. 21.*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore will we not fear.—*Ps. XLVI. 1.*

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame. He remembereth that we are dust: as for man his days are as grass: as a flower of the field so He flour-

isheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children—*Ps. CIII. 13-17.*

Jesus saith, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die—*John XI. 25-26.*

(The following may be read at the burial of a young child, or Sam. 12, 15-23 :)

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them.—*Mark X., 14-16.*

Even so, it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.—*Matt. XVIII. 14.*

(At the burial of the Aged the following may be read:)

The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness.—*Prov. XVI. 31.*

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, they shall be fat and flourishing, to show that the Lord is upright. He is my Rock; and there is no unrighteousness in Him.—*Ps. XCII. 12-15.*

Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age; like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.—*Job V. 26.*

(In case of sudden death the following may be read:)

Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is, . . for ye know not when the Master of the House cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto you all, Watch.—*Mark XIII, 33-37.*

(Then may be read Psalm XC., which will be found in the Selection of Psalms in this Manual.)

(The following Lesson may then be read, the Reader saying: Let us hear the Word of God as it is written in the Fifteenth Chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning with verse 20; or as alternative lines 1 Cor. 15, 1-19, and 2 Cor. 4-17, and 1 Thes. 4, 13-18.)

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order; Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.

But some man will say, how are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou soweth not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain; but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is

sown in weaknesss, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. Now this, I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

(After these passages of Scripture the following prayer may be read:)

LET US PRAY.

Almighty and everlasting God, who sendest forth Thy Spirit and we are created, and Who takest away our breath and we die and return to the dust, we bow with reverence before Thy inscrutable judgments, remembering that Thou Who orderest all things according to Thine own will in Heaven and earth, art also our merciful and loving Father, who dost not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men, but dost correct us that we may be partakers of Thy holiness. We would therefore be subject unto Thee, saying, the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord.

Eternal and unchangeable Jehovah, with whom there is neither beginning of days nor end of years; we humble ourselves, as becometh perishing creatures, in Thy presence.

What is man O God, that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest him? Behold, Thou hast made our days as an handbreadth, and our age is as nothing before Thee.

O God our Father, who hast loved us, and hast given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace; look with compassion, we beseech Thee, on the sorrowing friends and kindred of Thy servant whom Thou hast taken away. Enable them to say, Thy will be done.

Cause them to be persuaded in their hearts, that though this dispensation be afflicting, it is sent in love, and fraught with mercy. And let Thy fatherly chastening be sanctified, to the weaning of their affections from a vain world, and to their greater meetness for that better country, where sin and sorrow and death shall be no more.

O God, who art ever showing us, in Thy providence, no less than by the declarations of Thy word, that it is appointed unto men once to die, and that in the midst of life we are in death; make us deeply sensible, we beseech Thee, of the shortness and uncertainty of our time on earth; and give us grace to be watchful and prayerful, having our loins girt and our lights burning, as becometh servants waiting for their Lord, who know not the day nor the hour when He shall come to them. Let Thy Holy Spirit so lead us to walk before Thee

in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, that, when we have served Thee in our generation, we may depart in peace, and may, through the merits and grace of Thy beloved Son, be received into those blessed mansions of His Father's House, whither He has gone to prepare a place for all who love Him.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all ever more. *Amen.*

(Under some circumstances when it can be properly effected, it may be desirable at this stage to sing a favorite hymn of the departed.)

At the Grave.

(The following sentence from Scripture may be read :)

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down. —*(Job XIV. 1-2.)* Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the Spirit shall return unto God Who gave it.—*(Ecc. 12-7.)*

(When the body has been laid in the grave :)

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of the departed, we therefore commit the body to the ground*; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; awaiting the general Resurrection in the last day, and the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed and made like unto His own glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

(Then may be read)

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me Write. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.—*Rev. XIV. 13.*

LET US PRAY.

Almighty and ever blessed God, beside this open grave we lift up our hearts unto Thee. We bless Thee that from the midst

*When this service is used at sea, substitute the words "We commit the body to the deep, awaiting the general Resurrection, etc."

of death and sorrow we can look up to Thee as our Refuge and Strength.

O Thou Who art the God of all comfort, Who healest the broken in heart and bindest up their wounds, mercifully look on those who are at this time bereaved. Be near to them in their sorrow and let their sorrow draw them nearer to Thee, and consecrate them to Thy service.

Let Thy grace enable them to say, not as we will but as Thou wilt, and in them let patience have her perfect work. May their minds be stayed on Thee, and be filled with Thy peace. Grant, O God, unto every one of us that as we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh, we may live as those who wait for their Master, having our lamps burning and our loins girt. May we be enabled to persevere and abound in every good work and word, that sanctified by Thy Spirit, we may have an entrance ministered to us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory for ever.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all for ever. *Amen.*

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Psalm I.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; *and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord *knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

Psalm VIII.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

What is man that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

PSALM XIX.

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple:

The statutes of the LORD *are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the* LORD *is pure, enlightening the eyes:*

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycombe.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, *my strength and my Redeemer.*

PSALM. XXIII.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD *for ever.*

PSALM XXIV.

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein:

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD *strong and mighty, the* LORD *mighty in battle.*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD *of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

PSALM XXV.

Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O LORD*; teach me thy paths.*

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, *thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old.*

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD: *therefore will he teach sinners in the way.*

The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the LORD *are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the LORD? *him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*

His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the LORD *is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.*

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction, and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.

O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Psalm XXXII.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord *imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

When I kept silence, my bones waxed old, through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will

confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, *mercy shall compass him about.*

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIV.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD*; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD*, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.*

They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD *heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.*

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD *is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD *shall not want any good thing.*

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the LORD *is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The LORD *is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD *redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.*

PSALM XLVI.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jocob is our refuge. Selah.

Come, behold the works of the LORD, *what desolations he hath made in the earth.*

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder: he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

PSALM LXII.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence: I shall not be greatly moved.

How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

They only consult to cast him down from his excellency; they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence: I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation, and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto Thee, O LORD, *belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.*

PSALM LXVII.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. Selah.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm LXXXV.

Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the LORD *will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.*

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD *shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.*

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul, for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O LORD: For I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear O LORD, *unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.*

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart; and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before them.

But Thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious; longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed; because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM XCI.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge, and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisesome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day,

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation,

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

PSALM C.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD *with gladness; come before his presence with singing.*

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CIII.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD *O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD *executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.*

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The LORD *is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*

He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, *ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, *all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the* LORD, *O my soul.*

PSALM CIV.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind;

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire;

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the LORD *are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;*

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night, wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour, until the evening.

O LORD, *how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.*

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships; there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVII.

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD *say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;*

And gathered them out of the lands, from the East, and from the West, from the North, and from the South.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the LORD *in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.*

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the LORD *for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High;

Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted:

Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble; and he saveth them out of their distresses.

He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the LORD, *and his wonders in the deep.*

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the LORD *in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.*

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground:

A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again they are minished, and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM CXIII.

Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD, *from this time forth and for evermore.*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the LORD'S name is to be praised.

The LORD *is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.*

Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high;

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the LORD: *O* LORD, *I beseech thee, deliver my soul.*

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD *preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.*

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.

I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the LORD *for all his benefits toward me?*

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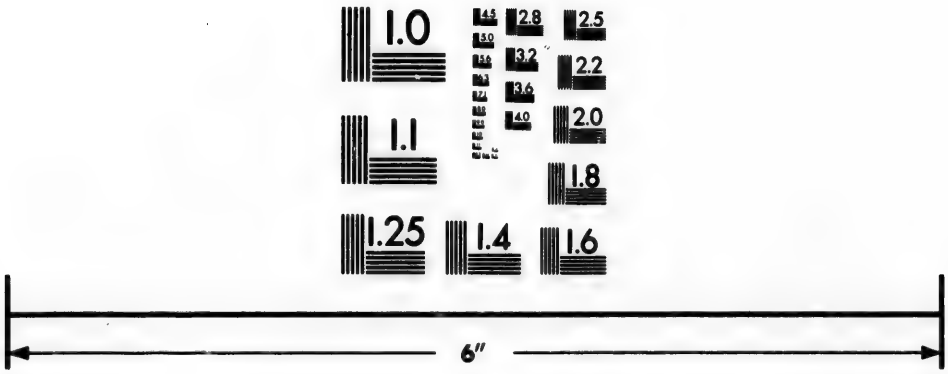

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I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD *now in the presence of all his people.*

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

O LORD, *truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.*

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD *now in the presence of all his people.*

In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the LORD *say, that his mercy endureth for ever.*

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

The LORD *is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*

The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the LORD *than to put confidence in man:*

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD *will I destroy them.*

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD *I will destroy them.*

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

The LORD *is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.*

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD *is exalted: the right hand of the* LORD *doeth valiantly.*

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD *has chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.*

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord;

This gate of the LORD, *into which the righteous shall enter.*

I will praise thee; for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD *hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD! O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: *we have blessed you out of the house of the* LORD.

God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light; bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O LORD : *teach me thy statutes.*

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

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Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

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For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in Heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations; thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients; because I keep thy precepts.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, *and teach me thy judgments.*

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

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Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man; so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised; yet do not I forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

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Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; *and thy law is my delight.*

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalm CXXI.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, *which made heaven and earth.*

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord *shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

Psalm CXXXIII.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

I will praise thee with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, *when they hear the words of thy mouth.*

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD *be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me; thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD *will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O* LORD, *endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.*

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, *thou knowest it altogether.*

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works: and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men.

For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them mine enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXLV.

I will extol thee, my God, O king: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee, and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD *is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.*

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

And all thy works shall praise thee, O LORD*; and thy saints shall bless thee.*

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD *upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.*

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The LORD *is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD *preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.*

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVIII.

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps.

Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

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A Selection of Metrical Psalms.

PSALM XXIII.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark [vale
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

PSALM LXVII.

LORD, bless and pity us,
Shine on us with thy face;
That th' earth thy way, and nations all
May know thy saving grace.

Let peoples praise thee, Lord;
Let peoples all thee praise.
O let the nations all be glad,
In songs their voices raise:

Thou'lt justly peoples judge,
On earth rule nations all.
Let peoples praise thee, Lord; let them
Praise thee, both great and small.

The earth her fruit hath given;
Our God shall blessing send.
God shall us bless; men shall him fear
To earth's remotest end.

PSALM XCV. (1—6.)

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
To him our voices raise,
With joyful noise let us the rock
Of our salvation praise.

Let us before his presence come
With praise and thankful voice;
Let us sing psalms to him with grace,
And make a joyful noise.

The Lord's a great God and great King,
Above all gods is he.
The depths of earth are in his hand,
The heights of hills are his.

To him the spacious sea belongs,
For he the same did make;
The dry land also from his hands
Its form at first did take.

O come, and let us worship him,
Let us bow down withal,
And on our knees before the Lord
Our Maker let us fall.

PSALM C.

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

PSALM CIII. (1—8.)

O thou my soul, bless God the Lord;
And all that in me is
Be stirred up his holy name
To magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
And not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
He hath bestowed on thee.

All thine iniquities who doth
Most graciously forgive:
Who thy diseases all and pains
Doth heal, and thee relieve.

Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
To death may'st not go down;
Who thee with lovingkindness doth
And tender mercies crown.

Who with abundance of good things
Doth satisfy thy mouth;
So that, even as the eagle's age,
Renewéd is thy youth.

God righteous judgment executes
For all oppressèd ones.
His ways to Moses, he his acts
Made known to Israel's sons.

The Lord is of compassion full,
And gracious he is found;
To anger he is very slow,
In mercy doth abound.

He will not chide continually,
Nor keep his anger still.
With us he dealt not as we sinned,
Nor did requite our ill.

PSALM CVI. (1—5.)

Give praise and thanks unto the Lord,
For bountiful is he;
His tender mercy doth endure
To all eternity.

God's mighty works who can express?
Or show forth all his praise?
Blesséd are they that judgment keep,
And justly do always.

Remember me, Lord, with that love
Which thou to thine dost bear;
With thy salvation, O my God,
To visit me draw near:

That I thy chosen's good may see,
And in their joy rejoice;
And may with thine inheritance
Triumph with cheerful voice.

PSALM CXIX. (1—6.)

Blesséd are they that undefiled
And straight are in the way;
Who in the Lord's most holy law
Do walk, and do not stray.

Blesséd are they who to observe
His statutes are inclined;
And who do seek the living God
With their whole heart and mind.

Such in his ways do walk, and they
Do no iniquity.
Thou hast commanded us to keep
Thy precepts carefully.

O that thy statutes to observe
Thou wouldst my ways direct!
Then shall I not be shamed, when I
Thy precepts all respect.

PSALM CXXI.

Unto the hills around do I lift up
My longing eyes,
Oh whence for me shall my salvation come,
From whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
From God the Lord, who heaven and earth
hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
Safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall his eyelids close,
Who keepeth thee.
Behold, he sleepeth not, he slumbereth ne'er,
Who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

Jehovah is himself thy keeper true;
Thy changeless shade
Jehovah evermore on thy right hand
Himself hath made.
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite,
No moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall he keep thy soul,
From every sin;
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
Thy coming in.
Above thee watching, he whom we adore
Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore.

PSALM CXXX.

Lord, from the depths to thee I cried,
My voice, Lord, do thou hear:
Unto my supplication's voice
Give an attentive ear.

Lord, who shall stand, if thou, O Lord,
Shouldst mark iniquity?
But yet with thee forgiveness is,
That feared thou mayst be.

I wait for God, my soul doth wait,
My hope is in his word.
More than they that for morning watch,
My soul waits for the Lord;

I say, more than they that do watch
The morning light to see.
Let Israel hope in the Lord,
For with him mercies be;

Redemption also plenteous
Is ever found with him.
And from all his iniquities
He Israel shall redeem.

PSALM CXLV. (1—7.)

O Lord, thou art my God and King;
Thee will I magnify and praise:
I will thee bless, and gladly sing
Unto thy holy name always.

Each day I rise I will thee bless,
And praise thy name time without end.
Much to be praised, and great God is;
His greatness none can comprehend.

Race shall thy works praise unto race,
The mighty acts show done by thee.
I will speak of the glorious grace,
And honor of thy majesty;

Thy wondrous works I will record.
By men the might shall be extolled
Of all thy dreadful acts, O Lord:
And I thy greatness will unfold.

They utter shall abundantly
The memory of thy goodness great;
And shall sing praises cheerfully,
Whilst they thy righteousness relate.

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A Selection of Hymns.

1

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Thy precious time misspent redeem;
Each present day thy last esteem;
Improve thy talent with due care;
For the great day thyself prepare.

In conversation be sincere;
Keep conscience as the noontide clear;
Think how All-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part,
Who all night long unwearied sing
High praise to the eternal King.

All praise to thee who safe hast kept,
And hast refreshed me whilst I slept:
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake
I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and
will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers with all their
might
In Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God from whom whom all bless-
ings flow;
Praise Him all creautres here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

2

All praise to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,
Beneath Thine own almighty wings!

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That, with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

O may my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close—
Sleep that may me more vigorous make,
To serve my God when I awake.

When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

3

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
And hushed their raging at Thy word,

Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. *Amen.*

4

From ocean unto ocean
Our land shall own Thee Lord,
And, filled with true devotion,
Obey Thy sovereign word.
Our prairies and our mountains,
Forest and fertile field,
Our rivers, lakes, and fountains,
To Thee shall tribute yield.

O Christ, for Thine own glory,
And for our country's weal,
We humbly plead before Thee,
Thyself in us reveal;
And may we know, Lord Jesus,
The touch of Thy dear hand;
And, healed of our diseases,
The tempter's power withstand.

Where error smites with blindness,
Enslaves and leads astray,
Do Thou in lovingkindness
Proclaim Thy gospel day;
Till all the tribes and races
That dwell in this fair land,
Adorned with Christian graces,
Within Thy courts shall stand.

Our Saviour King, defend us,
And guide where we should go;
Forth with Thy message send us,
Thy love and light to show;
Till fired with true devotion
Enkindled by Thy Word,
From ocean unto ocean
Our land shall own Thee Lord.

Amen.

5

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
  God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
  God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
  Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice,
  God save the Queen. *Amen.*

6

Just as I am—without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
  O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
  O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find—
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—Thy love unknown,
Has broken every barrier down—
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come! *Amen.*

7

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high,

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name;
I am all unrighteousness:
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity. *Amen.*

8

Jesus, where'er Thy people meet
There they behold Thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek Thee Thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

For Thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring Thee where they come,
And going, take Thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of Thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of Thy saving name.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
To strengthen faith and sweeten care,
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but Thou art near;
Nor short Thine arm, nor deaf Thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts Thine own!
Amen.

9

Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee.

Yet possessing every blessing,
  If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
  All our weakness, Thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
  Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
  Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
  Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
  Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
  Nothing can our peace destroy. *Amen.*

10

My God and Father, while I stray
Far from my home on life's rough way,
O teach me from my heart to say,
  Thy will be done.

Though dark my path and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not,
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
  'Thy will be done.'

If thou shouldst call me to resign
What most I prize, it ne'er was mine;
I only yield Thee what is Thine:
  Thy will be done.

What though in lonely grief I sigh
For friends beloved, no longer nigh?
Submissive would I still reply,
Thy will be done

Should pining sickness waste away
My life in premature decay;
My Father, still I'd strive to say,
'Thy will be done.'

Let but my fainting heart be blessed
With Thy free Spirit for its guest,
My God, to Thee I leave the rest:
Thy will be done.

Renew my will from day to day;
Blend it with Thine; and take away
All that now makes it hard to say
'Thy will be done.'

Then, when on earth I breathe no more
The prayer, oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
'Thy will be done.'

11

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Though, like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, My God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

There let the way appear
Steps unto Heaven;
All that Thou send'st to me,
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee! *Amen.*

12

Our blessèd bond of union,
Thou art, O Christ, our Lord!
The rule of our communion
Is thine own faithful word.
Thou art our Elder Brother,
Who, to redeem us, died:
To Thee, and to none other,
Our souls we do confide.

Thy peace in us abounding,
Thy presence ever sure,
Thy light our path surrounding,
Thy strength to us secure.
Beneath Thy banner glorious,
Clad in Thine armor true,
We shall march on victorious,
And all our foes subdue.

Saviour, most true and gracious,
Thy Spirit now impart,
And let Thy love most precious
Possess and fill each heart.
We grasp Thy promise given,
We set before our eyes
One faith, one hope, one heaven,
One battle, and one prize. *Amen.*

13

O God of Bethel! by whose hand
  Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
  Hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
  Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
  Of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
  Our wandering footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
  And raiment fit provide.

O spread Thy covering wings around,
  Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
  Our souls arrive in peace.

Such blessings from Thy gracious hand
  Our humble prayers implore;
And Thou shalt be our chosen God,
  And portion evermore. *Amen.*

14

O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
  And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
  Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
  And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
  Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
  To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
  Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
  Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
  Bears all alike away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
  Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
  Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
  And our eternal home. *Amen.*

15

O Saviour, bless us ere we go;
  Thy words into our minds instil;
And make our lukewarm hearts to glow
  With lowly love and fervent will.

Through life's long and death's dark night,
O gentle Jesus, be our light!

The day is gone, its hours have run,
And Thou hast taken count of all—
The scanty triumphs grace hath won,
The broken vow, the frequent fall.

Grant us, O Lord, from evil ways
True absolution and release;
And bless us, more than in past days,
With purity and inward peace.

Labour is sweet, for Thou hast toiled;
And care is light, for Thou hast cared;
Let not our works with self be soiled,
Nor in unsimple ways ensnared.

Do more than pardon; give us joy,
Sweet fear, and sober liberty,
And loving hearts without alloy,
That only long to be like Thee.

For all we love, the poor, the sad,
The sinful, unto Thee we call;
O let Thy mercy make us glad!
Thou art our Jesus and our all. *Amen.*

16

Praise ye Jehovah! praise the Lord most holy,
Who cheers the contrite, girds with strength the weak;
Praise Him who will with glory crown the lowly,
And with salvation beautify the meek.

Praise ye the Lord! for all his loving-kindness,
And all the tender mercy He hath shown;
Praise Him who pardons all our sin and blindness,
And calls us sons, and takes us for His own.

Praise ye Jehovah! Source of all our blessing;
Before His gifts earth's richest boons wax dim;
Resting in Him, His peace and joy possessing,
All things are ours, for we have all in Him.

Praise ye the Father! God the Lord, who gave us,
With full and perfect love, His only Son;
Praise ye the Son! who died Himself to save us;
Praise ye the Spirit! praise the Three in One. *Amen.*

17

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow;
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly:
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee. *Amen.*

18

Sow the seed beside all waters,
North and south and east and west,
That our toiling sons and daughters
In the harvest may be blest.
Tell the tidings of salvation
'Mid the storms of Labrador;
Speak the word of consolation
By the lone Pacific shore.

Where the forests old are falling,
Yielding place to lawn and lea;
Where the fisher plies his calling
'Mid the perils of the sea;
Where the tide of commerce rushes
Through the city's crowded street,
And unpitying mammon crushes
Poor and weak beneath his feet.

Where our brothers, sowing, reaping,
Delving for the hidden ore,
Now with joy and now with weeping
Labor to increase their store;
Where the stranger wanders lonely
In the homeless wilderness,
Tell of Jesus, Jesus only,
Who alone can save and bless.

Tell how tenderly He careth
For the weary and oppressed,

How their burdens all He beareth,
As He leads them to His rest;
Tell that He, the Lord from heaven,
Died for all and lives again,
All through Him may be forgiven,
All with Him in glory reign.

Tell His love beyond all telling,
Seeking, following those who flee,
Love rebellious hearts compelling
To His service glad and free.
Thus a precious harvest gather,
North and south and east and west,
To the glory of the Father,
Son and Spirit ever blest. *Amen.*

19

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be!
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the path for me.

Smooth let it be or rough,
It will be still the best;
Winding or straight, it leads
Right onward to Thy rest.

I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might:
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.

The kingdom that I seek
  Is Thine; so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
  Else I must surely stray.

Take Thou my cup, and it
  With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem;
  Choose Thou my good and ill.

Choose Thou for me my friends,
  My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
  My poverty or wealth.

Not mine, not mine the choice,
  In things or great or small;
Be Thou my guide, my strength,
  My wisdom, and my all. *Amen.*

20

Thine for ever! God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine for ever may we be,
Here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! oh, how blest
They who find in Thee their rest;
Saviour, Guardian, Heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Saviour, keep
Us Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord from earth to heaven.

Amen.

Explanations and Instructions.

The directions which follow are not intended for the use of Ministers and those who are already familiar with the manner of conducting Divine Service. They are designed to be helpful to persons who may be called upon to engage in Social Worship in remote parts of the country, or under circumstances when there is no minister to guide them.

In every group of pioneers, surveyors, or organized companies, there is generally a leader, who, resembling in some respects the Captain of a ship at sea, may properly consider it his duty, on each returning Lord's Day, to invite those around him to assemble for worship after the manner of Christians. In such case, the leader should either conduct the service or find another person to act in his place as Reader. The same may be said of military companies or other organized bodies. When there is no recognized leader, a Reader may be chosen as circumstances may determine.

In the absence of a Minister, all the worshippers being on an equal footing, it is recognized that each person should have an opportunity of taking part in the Service as far as practicable.

It should be constantly remembered that the one purpose of the service is the common worship of Almighty God, and that every individual is equally concerned in the solemn duty; each person present should therefore heartily co-operate and assist to the extent of his power and opportunity. Necessarily there must be a Reader to conduct the devotions. While his voice alone will be heard in the common prayers, it should be attentively and devoutly, although inaudibly, followed. It is felt that all present may profitably take part in reading alternate verses, in prose Hymns of Praise, Psalms, and occasionally in Scripture Readings. All the worshippers should heartily join in the readings with a clear voice. The words and sentences intended to be spoken by the congregation are generally printed in italics. When the worshippers are not prepared to join in the Service, the whole may be read by the Reader.

It is scarcely necessary to say that congregational reading should be conducted reverently and devoutly. All hurry or confusion should be avoided, and a slight pause should be made at the end of each verse.

While generally the Reader's voice only will be heard in the prayers, and in the alternate verses of the several readings, it will sometimes be advantageous to have the Scripture lessons read by another person. A second voice is always desirable, as it destroys monotony and promotes interest in the service.

It is not expected that there will be much difficulty in respect to the singing of the Hymns introduced in the order of service, but, if there be no person present to raise the tune, the verses selected may be reverently read by the Reader alone.

Special prayers are furnished for the use of Settlers, Farmers, Miners, those at Sea or on Military Duty, and others. A Burial Service is likewise added, for the reason that in outlying portions of the country, there are occasions when funerals have to be conducted in the absence of a Minister.

When an ordinary service is to be conducted the following suggestions may be useful to the Reader chosen.

THE ORDINARY SERVICE.

The first duty of the Reader, when the worshippers are assembled, shall be to begin with the OPENING SENTENCES, given in the model service, page 5, or he may substitute any of the alternative sentences on pages 29 to 34, after which will follow:

The Prayer of Invocation, *vide* page 6, or 35 to 40.

When it appears desirable to substitute an alternative prayer for any of those given in the model service, it will be proper for the Reader to indicate to his fellow worshippers where the prayer selected to be read will be found, thus: "The words of the prayer will be found at page——." He will then, after a sufficient pause, begin by saying in all cases, "Let us pray."

Then the Reader shall announce a HYMN and call upon the congregation to sing the same to the praise of God. This Hymn should generally be expressive of adoration, invocation, or thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Confession shall thereafter be proceeded with in the same manner as the Invocation, *vide* page 7, or 41 to 54.

A PSALM OR PSALMS will follow, *vide* selection, page 146, the alternate verses, which may be read by the congregation, being in italics. If no sermon is to follow, a portion of the OLD TESTAMENT may be read, the Reader saying, "Let us read from the Old Testament, in the Book of——, Chapter—, Verse—. (A list of Old Testament readings will be found at page 140.)

A HYMN or METRICAL PSALM may then be sung, *vide* selections, pages 199 and 110.

The Prayer of Supplication thereafter to be offered, consisting chiefly of supplications and thanksgivings, *vide* page 9, or 55 to 72.

A portion of the NEW TESTAMENT shall next be read; the Reader saying at the beginning, "Let us read from the New Testament, in the————, chapter——, at the——— verse". (For a list of New Testament readings see pages 141 to 144.) At the close of Scripture readings should be said:

"the Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy word, and to His name be the glory."

The Prayer of Intercession shall then be offered, *vide* page 10, or 73 to 92. Prayers of Intercession may generally end with the LORD'S PRAYER, which all the worshippers should audibly repeat.

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME; THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN; GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD; AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL; FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. *Amen.*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE as it is given in the model service, or some other, may then be read by the Reader alone, or by all the worshippers joining in alternate verses as suggested, *vide* page 12, or 93 to 98.

AN ADDRESS OR SERMON will at this stage be in order, but, in the absence of either, the TEN COMMANDMENTS or the BEATITUDES, or

both may be read. (These will be found at page 21-26), or a SPECIAL PRAYER from the selection furnished, *vide* page 107, or any other appropriate for the occasion, may be offered. To be followed by

The Concluding Prayer, *vide* page 14, or 99 to 105.

An appropriate HYMN shall next be sung or read, to be followed by the benediction.

"The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace."

Amen.

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